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Brendan Gavaghan's Marathon Run Supports Hospital That Saved His Life

Sister Maura Running Too For Rehab Center That Helped Brother Recover From Head-Injury

By SCOTT JACKSON
Seven years ago, Brendan Gavaghan underwent emergency surgery at Boston Medical Center after sustaining a life-threatening head injury when he fell inside his North Quincy home. Next month, he will be running in the Boston Marathon to raise funds for the hospital that saved his life.

Maura Gavaghan, Brendan's sister, will be running in the marathon too, raising funds for Spaulding Rehabilitation, where her brother recovered after his treatment at BMC.

Brendan's story began in February 2017, when he returned home from the parade celebrating the New England Patriots' victory in Super Bowl LI and fell while walking upstairs, striking his head. Brendan's father, Al Gavaghan, heard his fall and called 911. Firefighters from the Quincy Fire Department's Engine 2 quickly arrived on scene and stabilized Brendan, and Brewster Ambulance paramedics rushed him to Boston Medical Center.

At the hospital Brendan was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma, a life-threatening condition in which blood amasses outside the brain, causing pressure to build up. Brendan underwent an emergency craniotomy to remove a portion of his skull to relieve pressure. He would spend several weeks at Boston Medical Center and then Spaulding Rehabilitation recovering.

"A few years later and now I'm running the Boston Marathon," Brendan, now 35, said in a recent phone interview. "It's pretty amazing."



SISTER AND BROTHER TEAM – Maura and Brendan Gavaghan will be running in next month's Boston Marathon, seven years after he suffered a traumatic brain injury. Here they are pictured training in the hills of Newton. Their runs will support medical facilities that treated and helped Brendan recover from a life-threatening head injury in 2017. *Courtesy Photo*

"It was definitely one of the hardest things we've been through as a family, watching Brendan go through such a traumatic

injury," Maura, now 33, said in a separate phone interview. "Now seeing him at this stage...is really incredible and special because

at the time of his accident, we didn't know if he would make it."

A stagehand with Lo-
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Lean Budget Seen For Next Fiscal Year

By SCOTT JACKSON
The municipal budget for the new fiscal year that begins July 1 will be a lean one, with Quincy projected to receive small increases in local aid from the state. "I've already met with my department heads and said it's going to be a lean year, don't look for any new programs, any new positions, because that's what I've been hearing," Mayor Thomas Koch said in a recent interview. Quincy is projected to receive \$45.4 million in Chapter 70 funding for education in fiscal year 2025,

which begins July 1, an increase of \$300,000 over the current fiscal year. The city had received a nearly \$10 million increase Chapter 70 funding in the current fiscal year compared to the previous one. In addition, Quincy would receive \$23.5 million in unrestricted general government aid in fiscal year 2025 under the budget proposed by Gov. Maura Healey, up \$700,000 from the current fiscal year. That number could change as the House and Senate work to pass the new fiscal
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Renewed Push For Lunar New Year School Holiday

By SCOTT JACKSON
Quincy Public Schools parents and community members spoke out during a recent School Committee meeting in support of making Lunar New Year a new school holiday starting next year. Two members of the committee, Mayor Thomas Koch and Courtney Perdios, also said they would support making the day a holiday.

The School Committee's policy subcommittee – whose members include Tina Cahill, Douglas Gutro and Emily Lebo – had voted unanimously on March 13 to send a proposed calendar for the 2024-25 academic year, which did not include a day off on Lunar New Year, to the full committee for review. The calendar
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High School Softball Teams To Merge

By SCOTT JACKSON
Softball players at the city's two high schools will play for a combined team this spring due to a decline in participation. Kevin Mahoney, the athletic director for the Quincy Public Schools, on March 20 told the School Committee that Quincy and North Quincy high schools would field a co-op team in softball. He also provided a recap of the winter sports season that evening. Mahoney said the co-op softball team was established this spring because
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Siblings Maura, Brendan Gavaghan Running Boston Marathon

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cal 11, Brendan said his path to running the Boston Marathon began in 2020, when theaters in the Boston area were closed amid the Covid pandemic. Brendan stated that while he was not working, he said to himself "let's get out and walk" and did just that, walking along Wollaston Beach. While out walking he began to run, starting with small distances, like from one light pole to the next, and then eventually he was able to run the length of the beach.

Maura said she and her brother first started thinking about running in this year's Boston Marathon last summer while they were on a family vacation.

"Brendan had been on this journey since his accident, getting stronger and healthier and increasing his mileage," she said.

While next month's marathon will be Brendan's first, Maura ran in the 2020 Boston Marathon, which was held virtually in September, raising funds for Spaulding Rehabilitation. Maura and other members of the team chose a route that took them through Boston, with the rehab hospital at the midpoint where her brother was waiting. Running at a leisurely

pace, Maura was able to complete the marathon in a little under five hours.

"It was 26 miles of hanging out with friends," she said. "It was fun but did not make for the fastest time."

Based on her experience training and running with the Spaulding team in 2020, Maura said she wanted to run with them again this year and encouraged her brother to do the same. Her brother, however, wanted to make sure they could raise funds for both Boston Medical Center and Spaulding Rehabilitation.

"Brendan felt really, really strongly about running for BMC given his experience and I wanted to run for Spaulding again," she said.

Brendan said it was difficult to choose between the two organizations because they both helped him out so much.

"Both places hold a special place in my heart," he said. "I'm so glad Maura is there to run for Spaulding, because I owe them so much."

Brendan is currently in the midst of a 20-week training program with the Boston Medical Center team. The team has been running every Saturday, starting with a six-mile route and increasing from there.



BRENDAN and MAURA Gavaghan are running in the upcoming Boston Marathon. He is raising funds for Boston Medical Center and she is raising funds for Spaulding Rehabilitation. Both hospitals treated Brendan in 2017 after he suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Courtesy Photo

"It's starting to get real, the miles," he said. "It helps mentally prepare for Marathon Monday."

Maura said her training regimen is slightly different because she ran a half marathon prior to beginning it. Maura said she and Brendan have different schedules — she is a communications

consultant — but they do train together as time allows.

"We try to line up our training as much as we can," she said.

"It's great to have someone to push you along the way," Brendan said of training with his sister.

Maura said she is proud to see how far her brother has come since February 2017.

"I'm so proud of Brendan. It's incredible to see him come so far," she said. "It's been special and meaningful for us to train together and to be able to help out two places that did so much

for us."

Neither Brendan nor Maura said they have a time in mind for next month's marathon, but both said they are on pace to finish it in about four and a half hours, given the paces they've reached during training. Maura said it's possible they could try to cross the finish line in Copley Square together, but that would depend on a number of factors.

As he prepares for his first marathon, Brendan said it was too soon to say whether he would continue running them in the future.

"We'll see how it feels on Boylston that day,"

Brendan said, adding that marathons would give him a good reason to travel as he has a friend who completed the Tokyo Marathon in early March.

Donations to Brendan Gavaghan's fundraiser for Boston Medical Center can be found online at givinggain.com/project/brendan-raising-funds-for-boston-medical-center-66838.

Donations to Maura Gavaghan's fundraiser for Spaulding Rehabilitation can be found online at givinggain.com/project/maura-raising-funds-for-spaulding-rehabilitation-68391.

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Crane Library Hosting Drop-In Solar Viewing Events

The Thomas Crane Public Library invites community members to drop-in solar viewing events at multiple branch locations this month.

Attendees will have the opportunity to use the library's solar telescope and sunoculars to look for sun-

spots and view the movement of the sun and moon.

When and where:
Thursday, March 28 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Wollaston Library, 41 Beale St.

• Saturday, March 30 from 3-4:30 p.m. at North Quincy Library, 381 Hancock St.

The event series is for all ages and is weather-dependent. No registration is required.

Eclipse viewing glasses will also be available. To learn more about the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, visit science.nasa.gov/eclipses.

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Councillors Pass Affordable Housing Resolution

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors recently approved a resolution that asks the Planning Department to look into ways to encourage the creation of affordable housing in Quincy.

"We need to keep Quincy affordable [for] Quincy people," said Councillor Noel DiBona, who introduced the resolution the evening of March 18. "This resolution is an effort to keep more of Quincy affordable."

"There is state and federal money out there for this type of housing. This resolution asks what we can do to make sure the money comes to Quincy to fund housing here. This past October, the Healey-Driscoll administration laid out a \$4 billion plan to jumpstart the production of homes and make housing more affordable. I'm asking the Planning Department to

take a look at what we can do differently to encourage improvement in our housing stock."

In his resolution, DiBona wrote that "the city of Quincy is increasingly becoming unaffordable" and the average rent in the city is now \$2,700 per month. Housing is considered "affordable" when the tenant or homeowner pays no more than 30 percent of their gross income towards housing costs, he wrote, and, at \$2,700 per month, Quincy is unaffordable to anyone making less than \$100,000 a year.

Housing affordability impacts "not just the poor," DiBona added, "but also the working class families of Quincy" and the city "has been and should remain a community affordable to all, including firefighters, police officers, teachers and other

blue-collar workers."

To that end, the resolution asks that the Planning Department review current local, state and federal affordable housing programs "to determine what if any impediments exist to the creation of affordable housing in Quincy and what if any local changes can be made to encourage affordable housing" in the city.

Areas of review, DiBona added, should include, but not be limited to, the city providing administrative assistance to income qualification and verification requirements, waiver of municipal fees, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund funding the purchase of affordable deed restrictions to existing individual condominium units.

DiBona's resolution was approved in an 8-0 vote on March 18 – Ward 6 Councillor William Harris was not present at the meeting – and referred to the council's oversight and housing committees.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY – Mayor Thomas Koch (left) presented a citation recognizing Francis D. Scolaro Day in Quincy in celebration of Francis's 90th birthday March 18. Francis Scolaro was born 90 years ago in the same house where he now resides on Sixth Avenue in Quincy Point. Affectionally known as the "Mayor of Quincy Point" Scolaro is the father of 8 children, 19 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Scolaro and his wife Barbara will be married 65 years this October and are proud residents of Quincy Point. Francis has lived in Quincy Point for 90 years. Also attending the birthday celebration at the Common Market was Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash.

Courtesy Photo

Patrick White Foundation Memorial Scholarships

The Patrick White Foundation will be offering scholarships in memory of Patrick White to the high school class of 2024. If you are interested please send an e-mail requesting information to: ptwfoundation7@gmail.com.

Walk For Hunger May 5

The Walk for Hunger, Project Bread's annual fundraising event and the Commonwealth's largest and oldest day of community action against hunger, is seeking walkers for the celebration.

The one-day event is set for Sunday, May 5 on the Boston Common, and will feature family-friendly activities along the 3-mile loop. In its 56th year, Project Bread invites the public to help raise more than \$1.3 million to support the leading statewide food security organization's approach to permanently solve hunger.

Likeminded anti-hunger organizations can enroll in the nonprofit's co-fundraising program, The Commonwealth, forming teams to raise money to support their own work, while also furthering Project Bread's statewide effort.

To register for the event and create a personal or team fundraising page for the Walk for Hunger or to make a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk or email walk@projectbread.org.



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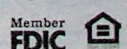
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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On April 8, 1930, baseball legend Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract for a then enormous sum of \$160,000 with the New York Yankees, prompting the team's general manager, Ed Barrow, to predict (with, of course, now laughable inaccuracy) that "No one will ever be paid more than Ruth."

• On April 9, 1860, French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonograph, the earliest known sound recording device, to capture himself singing the French folk song "Au Clair de la Lune."

• On April 10, 2001, mercy killings became legal in the Netherlands following the Dutch senate's controversial approval of a bill legalizing euthanasia for patients with unbearable terminal illness.

• On April 11, 1951, President Harry Truman fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the United Nations and U.S. forces in the Far East after he made public statements calling for an attack on mainland China if Communist forces failed to lay down their arms in Korea.

• On April 12, 1877, with a well-justified fear of ricocheting foul balls (not to mention being hit by a bat), Harvard's Alexander Tyng wore a converted fencer's mask for a baseball game in Lynn, MA, becoming the first-known player to don a catcher's mask. While the new gear initially drew taunts from fans, designer Fred Thayer's patent for the device was approved the following January.

• On April 13, 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black actor to win the coveted Best Actor Oscar for his role as laborer Homer Smith, who assists a group of poor East German nuns with building a church, in "Lilies of the Field." Three years later, he was Hollywood's top box office draw.

• On April 14, 2010, Neil Armstrong criticized the Barack Obama administration's stripped-down space plans in an open letter co-signed by Apollo commanders James Lovell and Eugene Cernan, describing the president's proposals as "devastating." Supporters, however, insisted that the accelerated rocket program would set new goals for American efforts in outer space.

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John Parkinson began his apprenticeship to a London apothecary in 1585. He went on to have a distinguished career as a medical practitioner. In 1622, he gave up this career to concentrate on his garden in London's Long Acre. He started researching and writing his first book, *Paradisus in sole paradisus terrestris*. The book included descriptions and illustrations of hundreds of plants, their origins, alternative names and medicinal properties. Parkinson was given the title "First Botanist to the King" by King Charles I. — Brenda Weaver
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April Activities At Kennedy Center

By MARIE FERENT
Assistant Director
Quincy Elder Services

The Quincy Council on Aging announces the following events are scheduled during the month of April.

The COA is located at the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum St., North Quincy.

Computer Classes Grace Buscher

Tuesday Classes 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Individual Appointments Wednesday by appointment from 1-3:30 p.m.

Individual Appointment times on Thursday by appointment 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Please Call 617-376-1506 to register.

Tuesday, April 2nd - iPhone/iPad Class

Wednesday, April 3rd - Individual Appointments

Thursday, April 4th - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, April 9th - No Class

Wednesday, April 10th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, April 11th - No Computers

Tuesday, April 16th - 18th - NO Computers

Tuesday, April 23rd - Dictating on Your Devices

Wednesday, April 24th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, April 25th - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, April 30th - Search Engines/Internet Navigation

Book Club

Thursday, April 4th at 1:30 p.m.

The book club meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. The April 4th selection is "Lessons In Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. "The Daring Ladies of Lowell" by Kate Alcott is the choice for the May 2nd.

Nails to You Manicures

Friday, April 5th and Friday, April 19th

Join us for a manicure event at the Kennedy Center. Manicures will be \$20 payable to Nails to You on the day of the event. Nails to You will now be at the Kennedy Center twice a month for manicure appointments. LeeAnn will now be offering Dazzle Dry which is a healthy alternative to gel. It is long lasting, vegan, healthy and completely dry in 5 minutes. Dazzle Dry Manicures are \$25 and regular Manicures are \$20. Please call 617-376-1506 to schedule your appointment.

Shredding

Friday, April 5th from 10 A.M. - 12 Noon

Seniors are invited to safely dispose of sensitive and personal documents to protect themselves from identity theft and fraud. Visit the Kennedy Center on Friday, April 5th and have tax, financial, legal and other documents shred free of charge. Please call the Kennedy Center at 617-376-1506 to register.

Jeopardy

Friday, April 5th at 2 P.M.

Join Alliance Health for a Jeopardy style game. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Bingo

Monday, April 8th at 1 P.M.

Join the Quincy Rotary Club/Friends of The Kennedy Center for an afternoon of Bingo and a chance to win prizes! Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Red Sox Opening Day

Tuesday, April 9th at 1 P.M.

Join the Friends of the Kennedy Center for a fun filled afternoon. Enjoy the first home game on TV along with hot dogs and popcorn and door prizes. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Friends of the Kennedy Center for members only. Call 617-376-1506 to register.

Monthly Bereavement Support Group

Thursday, April 11th at 1 P.M.

All are welcome. This is a monthly group which provides a space of sharing and support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Sponsored by Hamel-Lydon Chapel Cremation Service of Massachusetts.

Men's Discussion

Thursday, April 11th at 10 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.

Women's Discussion

Thursday, April 11th at 1:30 P.M.

Women's Discussion Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Tom Rull

Friday, April 12th at 1 P.M.

Tom Rull singer/entertainer will perform his show "A Musical Journey Through the Years." Take a walk down memory lane. Enjoy the music of Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Kenny Rogers, Paul Anka, Barry Manilow, Elvis, Perry Como, Lou Rawls, Englebert...and many more! This program is supported in part by a grant from the Quincy Arts Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is

required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Scattergories

Friday, April 12th at 11 A.M.

Tuesday, April 23rd at 11 A.M.

Come play the word game Scattergories! If you don't know how to play, it is quick to pick up and easy to learn. Have some fun exercising your brain and make some new friends. No registration required.

Acrylics

Tuesday, April 16th at 1 P.M.

Join acrylics teacher Karen Kelley for an acrylics class. No painting experience required. Cost is \$24 and includes all supplies. Payment is due at time of registration.

Therapy Gardens Healthy Eating on A Budget

Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30 A.M.

Discover practical tips and strategies to embrace healthy eating without breaking the bank! Join us as we uncover smart ways to save money while still enjoying nutritious and delicious meals, both when cooking at home and when ordering out. Learn actionable techniques to make healthy eating sustainable and affordable. Leave equipped with the knowledge to empower yourself and thrive on a budget, making your well-being a top priority. Specific tips for older adults will be provided. Space is limited. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Singo

Friday, April 19th at 1 P.M.

Singo is bingo where we replace the numbers with your favorite songs. Test your musical knowledge and luck. Have some fun and win some prizes! Sing, dance laugh, Singo is all about a good time. Light refreshments will be served. \$5PP due at time of registration.

Spring Fashion Show

Monday, April 22nd at 1 P.M.

Join us for a free fashion show and demonstration with fashion expert Caryn Smith, owner of Caryn's Corner, a popular boutique full of beautiful, trendy and comfortable clothing and stylish accessories. Clothing modeled on the runway will surely delight our guests. After the models strut their stuff on the runway, Caryn will demonstrate fashion trends and fashion "how-tos." Registration required. Call 617-376-1506. Light refreshments.

Mobile Medical Foot Care

Monday, April 22nd

Donna Golden, Certified Nurse Practitioner and Foot Care Specialist with Mobile Medical Foot Care will be at the Kennedy Center to provide toenail cutting services on Monday, April 22 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donna will be here the fourth Monday of every month. The cost is \$35 for a 15-minute appointment payable to Donna on day of appointments. Please call 617-376-1506 to schedule an appointment. Must be a Kennedy Center member to make appointment.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Wednesday, April 24th at 1 P.M.

The Alzheimer's Support group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. For more information about the group, please call Marge Donaher at 617-376-1243.

Beth Israel Deaconess Milton and Quincy

Health Department Presents

Caring for Your Vision as You Age

Wednesday, April 24th at 10 A.M.

The Division and Ophthalmology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center provides comprehensive medical and surgical treatment of eye diseases. Dr. Li will discuss how to care for your eyes as you age and common issues that may arise. Learn more about symptoms and treatment options for age-related Macular Degeneration and Diabetic Retinopathy. Please call 617-346-1023 to register.

Rock Painting

Thursday, April 25th at 2 P.M.

Come join us in the Art room and paint a rock with your own unique design! Paint supplies provided. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Benefits Specialist

Thursday, April 25th

Benefits Support Specialist Nadia Montrond from South Shore Elder Services will be at the Kennedy Center to assist members with the following services: SNAP application, Senior MassHealth Application or renewal, MassHealth questions/concerns and Community Home Care Services/Resources for seniors. Appointments are required. Appointments will be 30 minutes long. Please call 617-376-1506 to make an appointment.

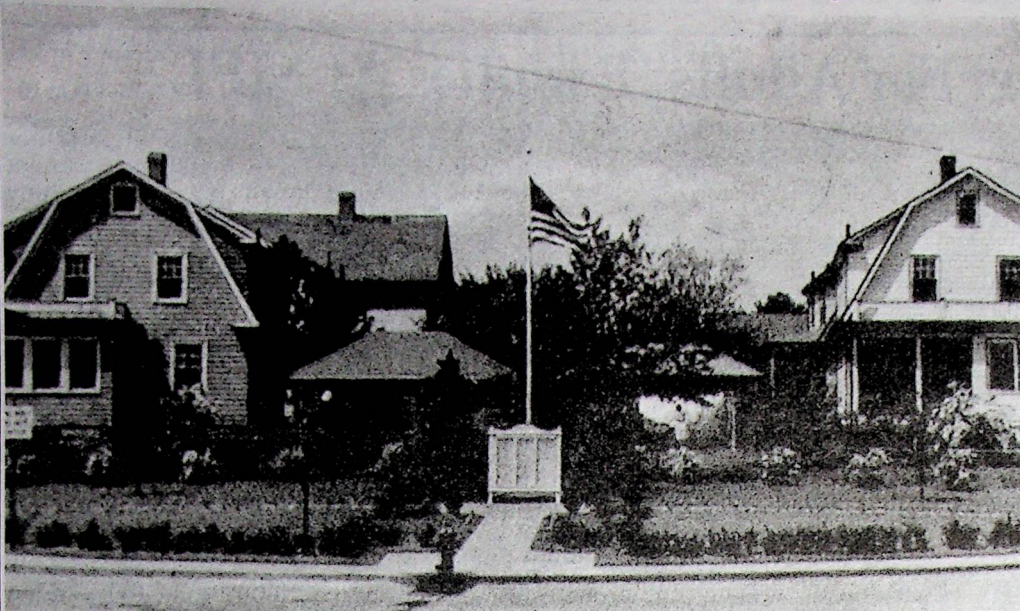
Allerton House Lunch and Learn

Thursday, April 25th at 12 Noon

Join Liz Kenney for a mandala stone painting workshop and develop your own creative meditation practice! Box lunch will be provided. Space is limited. Please call 617-376-1506 to reserve your spot.

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Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1944 real photo postcard view of Patten Park, a small city-owned parcel at the intersection of North and South Bayfield Roads in North Quincy. The park was created as a memorial to the men and women of that area who answered the call to serve in the World War. Their names were listed on the enclosed honor roll in

front of the flagpole. There were other similar memorials constructed by the Park Department throughout the city. This park was dedicated in the name of Lieutenant Irving B. Patten who lost his life in the war with Germany in 1943. He grew up on South Bayfield Road.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

READERS FORUM - MORE ON PAGE 11

Does Quincy Know How To Manage Our Money?

Rich McLaughlin's Quincy Sun letter touches on the Foxrock real estate dealings, but it does not seem to end there.

We have felt the sting of a 5.5% increase in our Quincy property taxes. (Of course, that doesn't count how much our property taxes increased as a result of the ever-increasing valuation on our homes.) That 5.5% is not the full 8.8% that Quincy would have needed to meet its obligations. Quincy borrowed the additional 3.3% from the Pension fund (\$5.25MM), the rainy-day fund (\$4.98MM), and other post-employment benefits fund. So, Quincy property owners are not paying the piper now, but pushed it off into the future.

Recently, I noted that the IHOP property and a portion of the Ross lot and Parkingway were sold for \$7.3 MM. But Quincy paid Matov and Shapiro of LBC Boston \$9.45 million for just the IHOP property. The city also bought 100-110 Parkingway in 2019 from Matov and Shapiro for \$9.25 million. Quincy sold that IHOP property (119 Parkingway),

including the adjacent parcel (100-110 Parkingway) to Atlantic Development for \$7.3MM.

I keep hoping that I have something wrong—because that means we bought the combined lots for \$18.7 million and sold them for \$7.3 million. Doing the math, that is a \$12.4 million loss. I wrote emails to the Quincy Mayor, City Councillors-at-Large, and the Ward 3 City Councillor, asking if they could explain why would we sell property at a loss? I never got an answer. Since the Mayor and the City Council are unable to answer—is there someone who could explain this to me? My property taxes are high—that \$12.4MM would have helped to cover the money borrowed from the city funds, so my future property taxes would not have to rise quite so precipitously in the future.

What process does Quincy use for these real estate transactions? So far, Quincy's debt is \$1.1 billion—Quincy's spending appears to be as exponential as ever. Where is this going?

Kathy Thrun
Quincy

Happy Easter - Peace Be With You

Happy Easter: A time for Shalom. A time for peace The Lord has Risen Alleluia.

Greetings and Happy Easter from the children and staff of St Yves School Haiti. Shalom, peace be with you! These were the words of the Risen Lord to his disciples at the resurrection, the first Easter Sunday. Shalom is a powerful Hebrew word that means peace, well-being, and hello. I invite you to take a deep breath and say seven times shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom. While you are meditating on the word Shalom you already experience a deep feeling of peace.

Easter in Quincy is a heavenly season. There are many wonderful activities around the city. They take place at many churches where people of all backgrounds are welcome to enjoy these joyful activities. They range from egg hunting to breakfast with the Easter bunny, to carrying the cross to seven churches around Quincy. They end with the glorious celebration of Masses and religious services at churches around the city.

The first Easter was celebrated in Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. God Almighty, in His great love for mankind, sent His Son to save us. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

God's son was born of a virgin and conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name is Jesus. He was raised in the part of the world called Palestine, Gaza, a place ravaged by war today. For three years Jesus had a public ministry. He healed the sick, forgave sinners, raised the dead, fed thousands miracu-

lously, and did many other great signs. There were huge crowds that followed him wherever he went. This made the Jewish leaders of the time very mad. They set up a plot to kill Him with the complicity of the Roman rulers. He was put to death on a cross. His crucifixion took place is called Good Friday, because that day by shedding His blood Jesus redeemed the world. Yet three days later, he rose from the dead after giving His life for you and me. Before he died He said to His disciples that when he raises He will draw all people to Him. Therefore whether you are Hindu or Bahai, Muslim or Jew, etc. Easter is a time for you to celebrate. Go to church, believe in Jesus the Risen Lord! Have faith and hope in His death and Resurrection, and experience a peace that surpasses all understanding. For Jesus says "He is the way the truth, and the life none get to the Father except through Him." (John 14:6). If we are willing and obedient we will eat the good of the land and you will see the goodness of the Lord in this life

Because He lives we must believe and we will experience shalom restoration in Haiti, in Ukraine in Palestine around the world. You'll see peace in our finances, in our love life, our health.

There's this good news that must be shared it cannot be hidden. Go tell it to the all world that Jesus Christ has Risen and have shalom and peace in His name. Because he shed his blood you can have eternal life.

Shalom Peace Happy Easter to all in Quincy from Saint Yves School Haiti and Marie Denise.

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1979
45 Years Ago

Burglaries Down 38% Since 1973

Residential burglaries in Quincy decreased every year since January, 1973, when the Neighborhood Watch program was inaugurated, according to Quincy Police Lt. William Murphy of the Crime Prevention division.

The total reduction in burglaries over the six-year period is 38 percent, he said. "Although this reduction cannot be attributed solely to the efforts of Neighborhood Watch participants, it is felt that a significant part of the reduction is the result of increased awareness and their adherence to security recommendations," Lt. Murphy said.

"There are approximately 3,000 Neighborhood Watch families in Quincy, but there is always a need for increased participation," he said.

Neighborhood Watch residents were encouraged to take proper security precautions and to call police if suspicious activity was observed in their neighborhood.

COMMITTEE PLANNING CELEBRATION OF STATE CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL

A committee named especially for the occasion is entertaining three suggestions for Quincy to celebrate the bicentennial of the drafting of the Massachusetts constitution. The document, the oldest state constitution now in existence, was drawn up in the fall of 1779 in the law office of John Adams at this home, now 141 Franklin St., South Quincy.

The committee, chaired by former Major James R. McIntyre, met recently at the Public Works Building conference room on Sea Street to consider these proposals:

- A commemorative plaque to be suitably placed in the city.

- Commemorative events relating to the bicentennial.

- Relocation of the bronze plaque images of the Presidents Adams now located at the birthplaces in South Quincy.

Members of the committee decided that the grounds of the Adams Birthplaces would be an appropriate place in which to hold the commemorative celebration.

QUINCYISMS

Kathryn Donelin of Quincy was on the Dean's List at Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y. . . Quincy attorney Matthew J. McDonnell announced the relocation of his offices to 1359 Hancock St., Quincy. . . Judith Beilin, a member of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, serving as Consul in New York, was the guest speaker at a dessert reception on behalf of the Greater Boston Israel Bond program at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simmy Jacobs of Quincy. . . Humberto Cardinal Meideros confirmed 113 boys and girls at St. Mary's Church, West Quincy. . . Anthony's Hairstyling, 1647 Hancock St., offered a wash and shake perm for \$17.50 . . . Steven Grasso of Cub Scout Pack 21, St. Ann's Church, Wollaston, received a trophy for having the fastest car and best looking car at the scout's annual Pinewood Derby. . . The First Church of Squantum collected \$1,026 in a special offering at a recent worship service for "One Great Hour of Sharing," a Protestant campaign to help the hungry and others in distress overseas. . . Colonial Federal Savings, 15 Beach St. and branches in East Weymouth and Holbrook, advertised 6-month certificates of deposit at 9.437 percent interest (\$10,000 minimum deposit.) . . Ward 2 Councillor Dan Raymond requested that the hours of the foot patrolmen along the Washington Street area be extended to reduce the problem of vandalism. . . Mark DiPaulo, a pianist from Braintree High School, was unanimously selected the winner of the Wollaston Glee Club \$500 Scholarship Contest held at 1000 Southern Artery. . . Lynda Rice, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Rice, Palmer Street, Quincy, appeared with the Boston Opera Co. in "Falstaff" at the Savoy Theatre, Boston. Lynda played one of the fairy princesses, under the direction of Sarah Caldwell . . . Don Allan of Sea Avenue, Houghs Neck, was the producer of "Danceworks, With A Touch Of Fashion," a disco stage show, presented by WBOS Disco 93 at the Chateau de Ville, Randolph. . . Kathy Mann of Babcock Street, Houghs Neck, Miss Quincy Bay of 1978, was one of six entrants competing for top honors in the Miss South Shore Scholarship Pageant at the Weymana, Weymouth. . . Deborah Pulsifer of Quincy performed as a soloist in the Commonwealth Figure Skating Club's 40th anniversary of "Ice Capers" at Ridge Arena, Braintree. Other local skaters performing were Judy Allison and Karen Cashman. . . Playing at the Strand in Quincy Square was "Saturday Night Fever" starring John Travolta. . . Granite Co-Operative Bank, 440 Hancock St. and 100 Granite St., Quincy, announced Michael McArde of Old Colony Avenue, Wollaston, was a winner of a Panasonic black and white portable TV for correctly guessing how much cash the bank handed out in a given week.

Arts & Entertainment

April Programs For Adults, Families At MPL

By JEAN HLADY

In April the Milton Public Library is offering some enjoyable programming for adults and families.

We will continue to offer virtual job search sessions for 50+ people, drop-in knitting, and adult yoga this month.

The **MA Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seeker Group** will meet virtually twice, on these dates: Wednesday, April 3 (the topic is "Cover Letters using AI in the Job Search") and Wednesday, April 17 (the topic is: "Networking") and both zoom programs start at 9:30 a.m. This is a nice opportunity for older workers to network with other job seekers, while improving their search skills, facilitated by instructor Deborah Hope, who is an experienced executive career coach. Advance registration is required to attend either session at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztIqceChqjgEty4gfftkRfEYFdBaGeaJ9#/registration>.

Then the **Library Knitting Group** will meet this month on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m., both held in the lower level Conference Room. Join other experienced knitters to share your projects, get tips and tricks, and make new friends! There is no signup required, but if you would like to get on the organizer's list, please email jhlady@milton.ocln.org and she will make sure you are added to receive updates. Please note that this drop-in is not for beginners wanting to learn the craft, although on Saturday, May 18, there will be an MPL class held to help you get started. (Keep watch of our program listings for April to register and find out more.)

Instructor **Marianne Zullas** will teach another **Adult Yoga** class on Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. in our Keys Community Room. This program is designed to create movement and space in the body, and students will practice breathing techniques and asanas (yoga poses). They will also be introduced to exercises that open some of the meridian pathways in the body to create a better flow of energy. Go to this link to register, as space is limited: <https://tinyurl.com/bdctwy5f> and there you will also learn more details about what to bring to the class.

Prolific author **Anthony Sammarco** will return to the MPL on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Keys Community Room to give a talk about his book called: **The Other Red Line - Washington St from Scollay Square to the Combat Zone**. The "other Red Line" is literally the connecting point between Scollay Square to the Combat Zone, the two preeminent adult entertainment districts in Boston. With burlesque houses such as the Old Howard and the Crawford House, movie palaces began to open, showing silent films accompanied by a pianist, news reels and comedy acts. For more details about the book, go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4fr9zujj>. No signup is required to attend, and we hope to see you there for a fascinating talk about Boston history!

Also in early April, on Monday, April 8, there will be a new book group starting with Assistant Director Sara Truog. It is called **"Booked for Lunch"** and it will be held in the Conference Room from 12 to 1 p.m. This will be a silent book club to include a half hour of socializing and eating lunch together, and another half hour of silent reading time. We'll talk about what books we're reading and share our top picks (and maybe the duds too). Participants should bring a bag lunch and a book to read, and this program is for adults only. Registration is required in advance to attend, so go here to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/yrhkcb9u>.

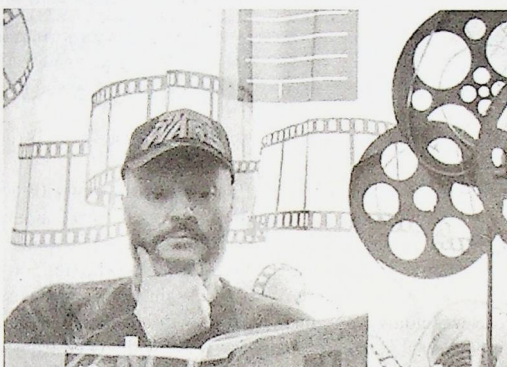
There are two gardening programs happening in April. The first will be on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in person in the Keys Room and it is called: **"Home Herb Gardening" with Master Gardener Barbara McIntosh**. Herb gardening has been popular for centuries, but herbs were not grown solely for culinary use, as we think of them primarily today. Herb gardens took care of the family by providing herbs for medicine, herbs for dying cloth, herbs to keep the clothes and house fresh, and many other uses. No advance signup is required to attend, so just come and bring your gardening and chef friends with you!

The second event this month will be held on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the Keys Room and it is called **"Swing into Spring" with Lisa Ahern**. Watch and be inspired as Lisa creates arrangements with fresh flowers and plants for your home or garden. She will make several arrangements which will be raffled off during the evening. For more details, go to our website: www.miltonlibrary.org and click on "events" from the main page.

On Tuesday, April 9, we encourage you to come to a free film program starting at 6:30 p.m. in our Keys Room. It is called **"Movie Talk: Out of the Shadow, into the Spotlight - Hollywood's History with the LGBT Communi-**



NATURALIST MARZOLF JOY will present a virtual talk on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. entitled "The History and Wildlife of Nova Scotia." The program is among the topics presented in April by the Milton Public Library. Courtesy Photos



FRANK MANDOSA, a movie historian and expert, will host "Movie Talk: Out of the Shadow, into the Spotlight - Hollywood's History with the LGBT Community" Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Keys Room, Milton Public Library.

ty" and the presenter will be movie historian and expert Frank Mandosa. If you have never heard Frank's talks, you do not want to miss this! For over a century, Hollywood and the films it produces have had a troubled history with both onscreen depictions and the real-life interactions with the LGBTQ+ community. This talk explores not only the ongoing evolution of this dynamic before, during, and after the cameras roll, but also different portrayals of the LGBTQ+ experience in films of all genres, both past and present. For 8 years Frank hosted "Reel Life," a Stoughton-based cable program, so please come try out his interactive trivia questions, movie-themed door prizes, photo displays, and free handouts! You may register in advance here, but also drop-ins are welcome: <https://tinyurl.com/mswmkmjt>.

The **Cookbook Club**, led by local chef Connie Spiros and staff member Sara Truog, invites you to its next session which will be held on Thursday, April 11, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Keys Room. Calling all cooks! Each club meeting will feature a selected cookbook, and members will prepare a tasty treat from the book to bring to the Library and share. The cookbook chosen for April is Good Enough by Leanne Brown. Advance registration is required, so use this link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/ym6b7xvr>.

On Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m., join local real estate attorney Kathleen O'Donnell and real estate agents Carolyn Cahill and Mary Beth Grant in a free workshop called **"Selling Your House."** This in person program will cover where to start, paperwork from contracts to title work, and what should or shouldn't you do to your home before listing. No advance registration is required so just come and bring your friends to this informative talk held in the Keys Community Room.

The **Wednesday Monthly Movie** continues on April 17, starting at 6:15 p.m. and it is called **"Gran Turismo"** starring Archie Madekwe, Orlando Bloom, and more. This is a 2023 American biographical sports drama directed by Neill Blomkamp and it tells the true story of British teenager Jann Mardenborough, a teenage Gran Turismo player who became a professional racing car driver. Due to intense action and some strong language, it is rated PG-13 so is suitable for teens and adults, but not for children. The running time is



MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a musical hour featuring the Boston Saxophone Quartet" on Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. in the library's Keys Room.

134 minutes and racing fans will love it! For more details, go to our website and no signup is required to attend. **Please note earlier 6:15 p.m. starting time in the Keys Room.**

The final concert in our Spring series is happening on Saturday, April 20, at 2 p.m., in the Keys Room and it will be a musical hour by the fabulous band called **"The Boston Saxophone Quartet."** This fun group of 4 very talented musicians will entertain all ages with their lovely and unique arrangements of lots of tunes we know and love. The group includes **Jim Repa**, saxophonist, flutist, composer and teacher; **Lou Stamas**, alto sax player, freelance performer, and clinician; **Robert Chadwick**, instrumental band instructor, principal bassoonist who doubles on woodwinds; and director and woodwind specialist, **Peter Cokkinias**. All of these fine players have incredible experience and have performed with so many other groups like The Boston Pops, Guy Lombardo, Aretha Franklin, Andrea Bocelli, the Boston Ballet, Springfield Symphony, Berklee College of Music groups, and so many more.. Please do not miss this great musical opportunity! No signup is required so just come and bring the family!

And last but not least, there will be a virtual talk on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. called **"Armchair Travel: The History and Wildlife of Nova Scotia"** with naturalist Joy Marzolf. In this program, you will learn about this fascinating Canadian province, as well as its long ties to New England. Visit the historic port and homes of Yarmouth and learn about the "Age of Sail" and the role it played in the 18th and 19th centuries as people traveled back and forth to the U.S. See how farming has changed in the Annapolis Valley from the unique techniques of the earliest French settlers of Grand Pre, to the vineyards of today. This program will also show migrating wildlife who move back and forth between the two countries, in this Zoom visit to our neighbor to the North! Advance registration is required, so please sign up here to receive the link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhvu5wp>.

All of these adult programs are kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Public Library and are free and open to all. The Milton Public Library is located at 476 Canton Ave., and for questions, call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964 or email jhlady@milton.ocln.org. You may also go to: www.miltonlibrary.org for more information.

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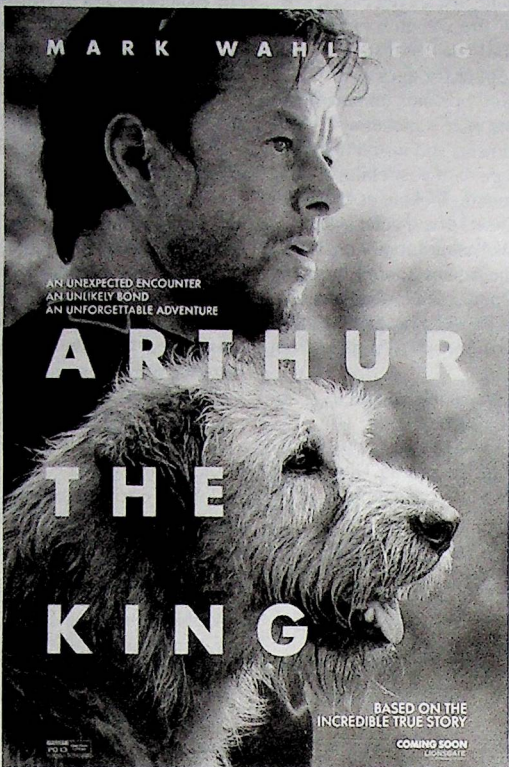
Movie Review: 'Arthur The King'

By BOB GARVER

I'm not going to sugar-coat it: last week was not a good week for new releases. The battle for the top spot at the domestic box office was a fierce one, with "Kung Fu Panda 4" in its second weekend narrowly edging out "Dune: Part Two" in its third. But after those two holdovers, the box office fell off a cliff, with newcomer "Arthur the King" taking a weak third place with barely a quarter of either's take. Granted, the relatively small-scale production is not one that has ambitions of conquering the box office. It's okay with being a nice little crowd-pleaser, which would be fine if it were actually more pleasing.

Mark Wahlberg stars as Michael Light, the captain of a team of "adventure racers," four-person teams that participate in multi-day races of over 500 miles across various treacherous terrains. He blew a big race three years ago, and he's been stuck in a rut ever since. He stakes his family's savings on one more shot at glory. His teammates are veteran navigator Chik (Ali Suliman), pretty-boy social media influencer Leo (Simu Liu), and rock-climbing prodigy Olivia (Nathalie Emmanuel). I'm not sure if it's intentional or not, but Olivia gives one of the most awkward line deliveries I've ever heard. It's very serious subject matter, and I felt bad laughing at it, but the timing is just crazy. A similar mistake was made by bad-movie classic "The Room," but honestly, it's even more egregious here.

The race is grueling and frustrating and includes a truly harrowing zipline sequence. As predictable as it was that the characters were going to get out of it, I couldn't help but put



myself in their place and wonder if I might die of fright even before the risky rescue. The movie gets this scene right, even if it's more heart-pounding than heart-warming.

About halfway through the race, Michael notices that a stray dog has been following the team. He admires its perseverance, and since they can't really stop it from following them at its own discretion, they adopt him as an unofficial fifth member. The dog treats Michael's much-maligned meatballs like a meal fit for a king, so Michael calls him Arthur. The dog is good at sniffing out danger, and the whole team owes him a life debt after about two minutes. But he's also very sickly, and probably has only days – maybe hours – to live.

The rest of the movie is the dog-centric adventure we've been promised. Arthur brings a unique set of strengths and weaknesses

to the team. They're soon in first place, but hinderances from both man and beast mean that they may not hang onto it for long. Even after the race is over, there's still a lengthy portion of the film devoted to the dog's health. I wasn't sure which way the movie was going to go until it put so much effort into misleading me that I knew it had to go the other way.

"Arthur the King" is your typical inspirational dog movie mixed with your typical inspirational sports movie, although the sport in question happens to be several sports at once. It's hard to get truly mad at a movie like this, but I can't say it delivered a lot of bang for my buck, and that clunky bit of dialogue, just... woof. I definitely recommend the two movies at the top of the box office over this one.

Grade: C-
"Arthur the King" is rated PG-13 for some strong language. Its running time is 90 minutes.

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WHAT'S COOKING

with
Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



Banana-Coconut Loaf

By MARIE

My niece, Ann, recently tried this recipe for a banana-coconut loaf and it was a hit. So, if you have bananas in the house that seem to be going to waste, this is the perfect recipe to use them up.

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees – prepare a standard-sized loaf pan by greasing with vegetable oil

Ingredients and Directions:

- 2 and ¼ cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 and ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 2 level teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup of vegetable oil
- 1 cup of milk
- 2 bananas, mashed really well
- 1 cup of sweetened coconut

In a bowl, place the flour, sugar, salt and baking powder and blend well.

Then add the eggs, vanilla, vegetable oil



and milk and mix well.

Then, add the mashed bananas, and mix well.

Lastly, add the coconut and mix all ingredients together.

When all ingredients are added and blended, pour batter into the prepared loaf pan and bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Every oven varies, so be sure to test with a toothpick or knife until they come out clean.

Cool for 20 minutes and then remove from loaf pan.

Minestrone Soup

By SUZIE

Minestrone soup is an easy and hearty way to get in all your healthy vegetables in one steaming bowl.

I grew up on minestrone soup. Usually served with hot Italian bread and a drizzle of olive oil with grated Parmesan cheese of course!

This soup has everything you need nutritionally, is delicious, and wonderful to freeze even, for future use.

MINESTRONE SOUP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 chopped onion
- 3 carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 7 cups vegetable stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 28 ounce can tomatoes

- 1/2 cup quinoa
- 1 16 oz can kidney beans
- 1 10 oz package frozen green beans
- 1 zucchini, chopped
- 1 red pepper chopped
- 1 nice big handful of baby spinach to throw in at the end
- 1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley
- sea salt and pepper to taste

In stock pot, saute onion, celery, carrots, pepper, and zucchini until softened.

Add garlic and stir a bit more. Now add stock, tomatoes, bay leaf, and quinoa.

Bring to boil and simmer for about 45 minutes or so. Now add green beans, kidney beans and parsley, along with spinach, and cook for another 10 minutes or so.

Remove bay leaf before serving. Season with sea salt and pepper. Drizzle servings with olive oil and pass the cheese!



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April Children's Events, Activities At Crane Library

By **JULIE RINES**
Children's Coordinator
Thomas Crane Public Library

The following events and activities for children are scheduled during the month of April at the Thomas Crane Public Library.

Panels and Pages Graphic Novel Book Club for grades 5-7

Children in grades 5-7 are invited to join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. for our Grades 5-7 Graphic Novel book club. Each month we will discuss a different graphic novel.

This month we will be meeting on the first Tuesday, April 2 to discuss "Turtle in Paradise the Graphic Novel" by Jennifer Holm.

Copies of the book are available to check out in the Children's Room.

Pajama Storytime for ages 1-5

Join us on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly family pajama storytime for the whole family. This program is especially for children ages 1-5 accompanied by an adult.

Music and Movement with Miss Rubi ages 0-2

We invite our youngest patrons ages 0-2 to join Miss Rubi from 10:30 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 6 for a Music and Movement program especially designed for them. These sessions will feature baby bounces, tickles, wiggles, finger plays and nursery rhymes with parent participation.

This programs are especially for children ages 0-2 accompanied by an adult.

Music and Movement with Miss Rubi @ North Quincy ages 3-6

We invite Miss Rubi's fans ages 3-6 to join us on Saturday, April 6 from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. for a Music and Movement program full of large scale movements, rhythm clapping, finger plays and nursery rhymes including early literacy and music activities. Parent participation highly encouraged.

So put on your favorite dancing shoes and join us for this lively mix of music and movement. Please bring a stuffie along with you to join the fun.

These programs are especially for children ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult.

Solar Eclipse Viewing on the Lawn

Join us on the library lawn between 2 and 4 p.m. on Monday April 8 to watch the total solar eclipse!

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

Everyone is welcome to gather together on the lawn for this historic event. This will be an outdoor viewing where eclipse glasses are required!

We will have some eclipse glasses available on a first come, first serve basis.

There will also be a live stream viewing inside the Community Meeting Room where we will be streaming coverage of the eclipse around the country so be sure to join us for this extraordinary event, rain or shine.

PJ Storytime at North Quincy for ages 1-5

Join us at the North Quincy Branch on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening pajama storytime for the whole family! Children ages 1-5 will particularly enjoy this storytime, as we'll sing songs, read books, recite rhymes, and more!

Puppy Pages @ Adams Shore Ages 6-8

On Wednesday, April 10 from 1 - 2 p.m. meet Elliot the therapy dog at the Adams Shore Library and spend some time practicing your reading with him.

Young readers ages 6-8 are invited to spend 10 minutes reading aloud to Elliot.

Reading takes practice and reading aloud with a patient and non-judgmental canine friend is a great way for young

readers to practice and become more confident.

Registration is not required. 10 minute timeslots with Elliot will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Elliot and his owner Michelle are volunteers trained by Dog B.O.N.E.S. therapy dogs of Massachusetts.

Preschool Discovery- Space for ages 3-5

Join us for Preschool Discovery a hands on parent and child science program that meets once a month at each library location. Activities, experiments and instructions will be provided for science you can do with your child.

We're exploring space this month, looking at constellations, meteor impacts and the planets of our solar system.

The program will be at the Wollaston Library on Thursday, April 11 from 3 - 4 p.m., the Adams Shore Library on Wednesday, April 17 from 3 - 4 p.m., the North Quincy Library on Saturday, April 20 from 10 - 11 a.m., and the in the Main Library Children's Room on Saturday, April 27 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Night Owls Book Club for Grades 3 and 4

Registration Required

We invite children in grades 3 and 4 to join us to discuss a chapter book or graphic novel on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We'll vote for upcoming titles at the end of each meeting.

On Thursday, April 11 we'll get together to discuss "The International House of Dereliction" by Jacqueline Davies.

Copies of the book are available to check out at the Main Library, or as an ebook or audio through Libby and Hoopla.

Homeschool Hangout for ages 5-13

Join us on the second Friday of each month for a homeschool program for kids and caregivers, covering topics from STEM to art and beyond!

Join us on Friday, April 12 at 10 a.m. for Reading Music for beginners: Come ready to learn about the science of music, to do some music activities, and try out some instruments!

Double Booked Book Club

A book club for parents/guardians and their 3-5th grader. You can read the book together or separately and join us to discuss what you read on the second Saturday of each month.

On Saturday, April 13th at 10 a.m. we will be meeting to discuss "Love that Dog" by Sharon Creech.

Copies of the book are available to check out at the Main Library, or as an ebook or audio through Libby and Hoopla.

Balloon Craft @ Adams Shore

Stop by the Adams Shore Library, during library hours, Tuesday, April 16 - Thursday, April 18 to pick up a balloon craft, while supplies last. You can make your craft right away or take it home to make later.

Children's Movie @ Adams Shore - Trolls Band Together Sing Along

Join us at the Adams Shore Library on Tuesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. as we watch "Trolls Band Together" and sing along. We'll provide the lyrics if you provide your enthusiastic singing!

All ages are welcome.

Rated PG Runtime 91 minutes.

Creation Station @ North Quincy for all Ages

Join us at the North Quincy Library on Tuesday, April 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. for an afternoon of crafting and creating as we upcycle old magazines, books, and leftover art materials into artistic and engineering masterpieces!

Children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, are welcome!

Dungeons and Dragons for ages 10-15

New and experienced players are invited to join us in person at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16 for this introduction to D&D 5th edition game play. Take on the role of a fantasy hero in this Dungeons & Dragons game. We will meet for an hour and a half to play this campaign. **Please note: There is no wait list for this program, but we will be running more campaigns in the coming months.**

Registration is required for this program. Register through our online calendar. This program is for ages 10-15.

This program will take place in the Main Library Children's Room. Character sheets will be provided.

Can you make a vehicle that lands without a bump? We'll test out different materials and designs to see if we could land without breaking anything!

Super Awesome Hangout Club for grades 3-5

Calling all 3rd, 4th & 5th graders! Come hang out with old friends and make some new ones! Come hangout with us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Children's blue program room.

Join us at our hangout on Wednesday, April 17th at 2:30 p.m. for Round Robin Storytelling and Blackout Poetry.

No registration required.

EXPLORE @ Wollaston for grades 4-6

EXPLORE (Experiment, Play, Learn, Observe, Read, Examine) is a series of monthly hands-on science workshops for children in grades 4-6, covering a wide variety of topics.

Meeting at the Wollaston Branch Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 - 8 p.m. each workshop has a short portion of instruction and then exploration and experimentation. Topics range from forensic science to bubbles and parents/caregivers are welcome to participate as well alongside their children.

Join us at the Wollaston Library on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. for **Chain Reactions**.

Build a Rube Goldberg machine using odds and ends to explore cause and effect in a chain reaction.

Snap Circuits @ Wollaston for ages 8 and older

Join us at the Wollaston Library on Thursday, April 18 from 10 - 11 a.m. to explore electric circuits with Snap Circuits! Use our circuitry kits to put together circuit boards that will make lights blink, sounds turn on, propellers spin, and more! We've got everything kids will need to work on these projects, including instructions. Once you've mastered the projects in the instruction books, try your hand at making your own.

Review Crew for grades 5-7

Join us on the third Thursday of each month and be a part of the Review Crew.

Join us on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. By popular demand, this month's theme is Harry Potter! Read or watch any Harry Potter book or movie and bring it in to discuss and leave a review!

LIFE SIZE CANDYLAND for ages 4+

Families are invited to join us on Friday, April 19 to play our giant Candyland at the library!

If you have ever wanted to traverse through the world of Candyland, your time has come!

Explore the Peppermint Forest and Gumdrop Path (and more!) to get to the Candy Kingdom! Try to collect all of our Candyland stickers and decorate your own Candy Kingdom crown.

Come to the Children's Desk starting at 12:45 p.m. and get your group ticket and number. The groups will be called in order on a first come, first served basis.

The activity will run from 1-4. While you wait for your turn, board games and other activities will be available.

Geared towards ages 4+, kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Toy Time for ages 9 to 23 months

Come to the library for a free playtime session with your baby, ages 9-23 months full of age appropriate toys and activities plus socializing with other children and caregivers.

A fun time for all and a chance to practice large and small muscle development. This program will meet in the large meeting room from 10 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 20.

This program is for children ages 9 - 23 months accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and the doors will be closed when the room is full.

Tween Crafternoon grades 5-8

Tween Crafternoon is a monthly craft program just for grades 5-8. Join us at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month to try your hand at a different project.

Join us on Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. to make pet cactus rocks!

Page Turners Graphic Novel book club for grades 3-5

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for our Page Turners graphic novel book club. Each month we will discuss a different graphic novel and make our own.

On Wednesday, April 24 we'll get together to discuss "Lightfall: the Girl and the Galdurian" by Tim Probert.

Copies of the books are available for pick up in the main library children's room.

Homeschool Advisory Team for Parents

Homeschool grownups are invited to participate in the Homeschool Advisory Team!

Join us on April 26 from 10 - 11 a.m. in person or over Zoom for a monthly meeting to discuss current and future programs to support homeschool families in Quincy.

Please register through our online calendar and let us know if you will be coming in person or Zooming in.

Spring Program Series Schedules

ABC Storytime @North Quincy for ages 3-5
Mondays 4/1, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 at 10 a.m.

StoryLab - Space Science @Wollaston ages 4-8
Mondays 4/1, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 at 3 p.m.

Toddler Storytime @Adams Shore for ages 2-3
Tuesdays 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30 at 10 a.m.

Singing Storytime for ages 2-5
Wednesdays 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1 at 10 a.m.

Rock-a-bye Baby Storytime for ages 4-11 months
Thursdays 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/25, 5/2 at 9:30 a.m.

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Social Security Matters

Veteran Uncertain About Social Security & Healthcare Coverage

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor
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of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I'm not sure what I should sign up for in terms of Social Security: I am 64 and I am still employed full time and intend to stay employed until age 70. I am retired from the Navy and receive military retirement payments, and have military TriCare, as well as medical, dental, eye and life insurance through my employer. I don't want to lose benefits, but I also don't want to take Social Security until it reaches the maximum at age 70 (I think that is correct?). I will turn 65 in 4 months. Can you advise me?

Signed: Uncertain Veteran

Dear Uncertain Veteran: First of all, thank you for your service to our country. From what you've shared, and since you're still working full time, not claiming Social Security yet is a smart decision. If you were born in 1959 your full retirement age (FRA) is 66 years and 10 months and, if you claim SS before your full retirement age, you'll be subject to Social Security's earning test which would likely make you ineligible to receive SS benefits at this time.

The 2024 earnings limit (limit changes yearly) when collecting Social Security early is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). If you significantly exceed the limit, SS will declare you temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or earn less. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA. So, if you're now employed full time and plan to stay so until age 70, and you expect at least average longevity (about 84 for someone your current age), delaying until age 70 to claim Social Security is how to get your maximum Social Security benefit.

As for your healthcare coverage as a veteran: TriCare requires you to enroll in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient services) at age 65, but you do not need to take Social Security when you enroll in Medicare. You must, however, enroll in Medicare at age 65 or you will lose your TriCare (military) healthcare coverage. You could choose to delay enrolling in Medicare at 65 because you have "creditable" employer coverage, but if you do so you will lose your current TriCare coverage and need to rely solely on your employer healthcare plan. In that case, you would still be able to enroll in both Medicare and TriCare-for-Life without penalty prior to your employer coverage ending and have coverage under both programs thereafter. I suggest you contact TriCare directly at 1-866-773-0404 to discuss your personal TriCare coverage after age 65. You can also go to www.TriCare4U.com.

Whenever you enroll, Medicare will be the primary payer of your healthcare costs and TriCare will be the secondary payer. Your vision, dental, and prescription drug coverage would be through TriCare (Medicare does not cover those services) or acquired separately. Just remember, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to have TriCare-for-Life coverage after age 65.

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Easter Bunny Visit, Egg Hunt

At Paragon Carousel This Weekend

Paragon Carousel, a cherished landmark in Hull, is gearing up for its 96th season on March 30th and 31st.

The public is welcome on Saturday, March 30th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a special opportunity to capture cherished memories with the Easter Bunny. Thanks to

Such Fun Photo Booth, families can have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

The celebration continues Easter Sunday, March 31st, with an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn of Paragon Carousel at 12 noon. Thousands of colorful eggs

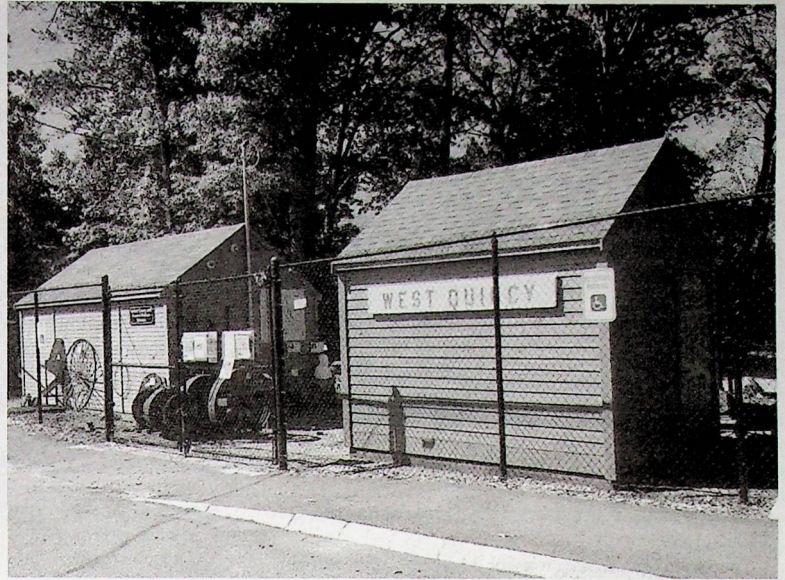
will be hidden throughout the Carousel's picturesque grounds, offering an exciting adventure for children and families. The event is free for all attendees.

Following the Easter egg hunt, the Carousel will be open for rides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What's New At Museum, Turning Mill

The Quarry Museum has purchased a new shed building (photo at right) with the West Quincy sign. The sign was the original sign from the West Quincy Depot's Granite Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

The building was purchased from the Reeds Ferry Shed Company of New Hampshire. The shed erector crew which consisted of three erectors arrived in Quincy with the shed in sections at 7 a.m. on Oct. 15 and by noon the complete shed was ready for use. Within days of the building being erected, members helped install screening around the base to keep critters and leaves from under the building along with a coat of gray oil-based stain. The museum plans to use the building for mini-presentations on the many subjects related to the granite industry. It is



estimated that the building could accommodate 15 to 20 members and guests for presentations.

The museum has in its archives many CDs and digitized presentations in-

cluding, Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, Boston Customhouse, Granite Railway, Jonathan Swingle, Quincy Railroad, Gridley Bryant Memoirs, Solomon Willard's Memoirs and many

more presentations. The museum plans to give these presentations in afternoon sessions for members and visitors that have problems driving at night along with evening presentations.

Lean Budget Seen For Next Fiscal Year

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year's budget in the coming months.

In the recent interview, Koch said the \$300,000 increase in Chapter 70 funding was "troubling" because other communities, including some with total populations comparable to Quincy, would be getting much more.

"It's troubling to me that our Chapter 70 number is so much smaller than so many other cities our size. I think that because we have a high valuation in property values is one of the factors against us, the reality is we have a lot of working poor that live in the city, we've got Title I schools, we've got challenges," Koch said.

"I'll give an example, and this is an extreme example. We're around \$46 million in Chapter 70. You know what Brockton's number is - \$240 million on Chapter 70. Now I know Brockton has challenges and issues, but...we're getting a 0.6 percent increase. Wellesley is getting a 1.8 percent increase. Wellesley getting more school aid percentage wise in this ses-

sion. It's troubling to me, whatever is wrong with the formula. I know that no one wants to touch the formula because there's winners and losers, but we're doing all the right stuff by the state. We're doing all this new housing, over 6,000 new housing [units], we are working with the state on their goals, so to me a community like Quincy ought to be rewarded for that.

"I don't think they're looking at it as rewarding or punishing anybody. It's just the formula. Quite frankly it is not good for Quincy obviously."

Koch said he does not presently anticipate any layoffs as a result of the new budget, but that could change based on what state lawmakers do during their budget process.

"I can't promise anything. If the legislature comes back with something even worse, then I've got to look at things like that. But, as I'm looking at it right now...I don't see layoffs,"

he said.

Instead of layoffs, the mayor said some positions might go unfilled. Which positions go unfilled would depend on which are open, he stated.

"We'll weigh it as we go forward, but it is a hit," Koch said. "It's a hit."

"As you know, we depend on property taxes, local receipts and local aid; local aid meaning the state aid. And I understand they have challenges revenue wise but when other cities are getting a 5 and 6 percent increase and they're already receiving between \$100 and \$250 million a year, a 6 percent increase on that is huge; 0.6 percent on \$46 million is a whole lot less."

"And, we have an increased enrollment," he added. "A lot of cities are going the other way."

The mayor said he had spoken to the chairperson of the House's ways and means committee about his concerns with Chapter 70 funding.

"The metro mayors we went in and met with the chairman of ways and means of the House, Aaron Michlewitz," Koch said. "Each of the mayors had something to talk about; part of my pitch was the local aid issue, specifically the Chapter 70 issue and the School Building Authority stuff. Because, when add in inflation to everything, the numbers are even more devastating."

The mayor noted more than half of Quincy's general fund budget goes towards education, including the Quincy Public Schools budget and other items like debt service for school projects.

"When you look at school spending...and you add up not only the school budget but our debt service for schools, if you look at what the park department does on school grounds, if you look at what public buildings does for school buildings, 51 percent of the budget is education, right out of the box," he said.

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Marie & Suzie Easter Recipes



WHAT'S COOKING

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By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



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Today's recipe is one that I always made at Easter and it is called Easter bread.

I usually use anise flavoring for this recipe. Because this recipe is so simple and delicious you can make and enjoy it anytime. In addition to using anise flavoring, I have also used lemon, almond or vanilla. Today's recipe was made with lemon flavoring – and when it was baking the aroma filled the house!

This dough is very simple and comes out so wonderfully that not one drop of it is left on the floured board when you get through. You will find this is a very easy dough to make and work with and I think it is one of the best recipes for dough that I have ever tried.

You can also use this recipe to make Biscotti cookies. If you are making biscotti cookies, roll the dough into log shapes. Place the dough log on a prepared cookie sheet. Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 35 minutes or until lightly tan on top. After baking and slightly cooled, slice them into 1/2-inch slices, put back in the oven for about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. This will make them nice and crispy!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper

Recipe

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt
- 3 cups of flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons of lemon extract (or flavoring of your choice)

Cream the butter and sugar and salt.

Add the eggs one at a time and beat between each addition.

Add the flavoring and alternate the flour and baking powder with milk and mix.

Place dough on a floured board. I made 3 round breads out of it, all the same size. But you can make 1 large bread or 2 medium breads.

I placed two round breads on one cookie sheet and one on another cookie sheet because they rise quite well.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until lightly tan on top. Frost with icing (recipe below) when they are cool.

Icing

Place 2 cups of powdered sugar in a small bowl and add 1 or 2 teaspoons of flavoring.

Then add about 5 or 6 tablespoons of water or milk. (your choice). Stir until smooth and brushable.

Brush the top of the bread with icing.

While the icing is still moist you can sprinkle with jimmies or cake sprinkles – or anything you want on the top.

Lamb Tart

There are so many different ways of using lamb – if you have any left-over.

My daughter, Rita, made a delicious lamb tart out of her left overs and when she brought me a slice to try and I decided to share this easy and tasty treat with all of you.

Also, with this recipe you can use ham, chicken or any favorite.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees; prepare a cookie sheet by lightly greasing or with parchment paper

Recipe:

- 1 9-inch pie crust (I bought mine)
- 6 ounces of fresh mushrooms, chopped
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 to 2 cups of leftover lamb (whatever you have on hand)
- 1/2 cup of cream
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 egg beaten - for egg- wash topping

In the hot oil, sauté onion, and add the chopped mushrooms, then sauté for a few minutes until onion is translucent.

Add the lamb mix well.

Then add the cream and mix until well blended.

On a cookie sheet lay out the crust in a round circle.

In the center of the crust, place the lamb mixture.

Fold all around the edge making a tart, the center will not be covered.

Brush the crust with egg wash.

Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes and then reduce oven heat to 350 degrees and bake tart until lightly browned. Tarts can be served topped with arugula.

Lamb Stuffing

Every family has their favorites for the holiday dinners and my family has so many favorites that it is sometimes difficult to decide what to cook.

A very popular Easter dinner in our family is Roast Stuffed Lamb. Another of our Easter favorites is baked ham, which is always relatively simple.

When I bake ham, I prepare a large roasting pan according to the directions on the package. I add pineapple slices

and fresh cloves to the top of the ham.

I roast the ham according to the directions depending on the size of the ham or whether the ham is spiral one or bone-in.

You can make your own ham glaze, however, oftentimes a ham will come with their own glaze you can add to the top.

I hope that you, your family and guests enjoy these Easter recipe ideas as much as we do.

Lamb Stuffing – Ingredients and Directions

- 2 stalks celery, cut up
- 1 small onion, cut up
- 2 cups favorite stuffing mix
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons Bell's seasoning
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/4 cup white wine (Optional)
- 1/2 pound ground pork (you can also use lamb or beef)

In hot oil, sauté the celery and onion.

Add the ground meat (lamb, pork or beef whichever you are using).

Cook and stir until well blended.

Add the stuffing mix that you have soaked in water.

Stir for a couple of minutes and then add the seasoned bread crumbs, Bell's seasoning, egg and cheese and mix well.

If the mixture looks thin, add more seasoned bread crumbs. If the mixture looks thick, add a little water.

Remove from heat and refrigerate until it is time to use.

Slice the lamb to create a pocket and then stuff the lamb with the stuffing.

Secure by tying with a string and then bake as usual, 20 minutes to the pound.

Happy Easter to All from Marie & Suzie!



Council On Aging April Activities At Kennedy Center

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Trivia

Friday, April 26th at 11 A.M.

Come play trivia and test your knowledge! Have some fun with friends and a chance to win a prize! No registration is required.

Signups begin April 1st for the following trips:

The Linda Ronstadt Experience:

Danversport Yacht Club - Thursday, May 16th

\$81 per person Join us for an exciting day "experiences". First, enjoy a delicious meal at the beautiful Danversport Yacht Club located right on the water. Choose from sautéed chicken piccata or baked haddock. American Idol star Tristan McIntosh creates a stunning portrayal of Linda Ronstadt in the prime of her career. Supported by a superb backing band, Tristan's formidable vocal talent and stage presence will transport you to a time when Linda Ronstadt ruled the airwaves as one of the most popular female vocalists in music history with chart topping hits such as, You're no Good, Blue Bayou, When Will I Be Loved and That'll Be the Day to name a few. Price includes Transportation, Lunch, Driver Gratuity, dining room taxes and gratuities, and live show. Must be a Kennedy Center Member. Pay-

ment is due at time of registration, checks only made payable to Royal Tours. Bus departs from Squantum Point Park at 10:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m.

Cape Cod Railroad

Wednesday, Aug. 7th

\$137 per person Join us aboard the Cape Cod Central Railroad for a delightful luncheon and train ride. Relish in the midday escape of a relaxing 2 1/2 hour train ride while conversing over a cup of coffee and giving lunch it's proper respect. Everyone in your party is sure to enjoy participating in this delightful journey that pairs an expertly prepared luncheon meal and exceptional service with views of the coastal landscape, salt marshes, and woodlands. The Executive Chef has planned a delectable 3 course menu with savory lunch fare. For a memorable day, join us! Lunch choices are: baked stuffed haddock, honey BBQ chicken, Israeli couscous salad, or shaved roast beef sandwich. Price includes transportation, train ride, luncheon, driver's gratuity, dining room taxes and gratuities. Bus departs from Squantum Point Park at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 4:30 p.m. Must be a Kennedy Center member. Payment due at time of registration. Checks only made payable to Royal Tours.

Seats are also available for:

Chips n Chickens - Friday, May 10th

Bally's Twin River Casino

& Wright's Farm Restaurant

\$81 per person Enjoy a family style, home cooked chicken meal with all the fixings and more at Wright's Farm in Harrisville, Rhode Island. Lunch will be home cooked chicken, baked in slow oven until it falls off the bone. Pasta with their trademark marinara sauce, fresh baked rolls, signature French fries and salad topped with the family's unique dressing recipe and dessert. Then, try your luck at Twin River Casino located in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Formerly known as Lincoln Park, the renovated facility offers 162,000 square feet of gaming space with over 4,100 slot machines and virtual table games. Twin River is currently smoke free on both floors of the casino. Includes: Transportation, lunch, dining room taxes and gratuities, driver's gratuity, and 3 hour visit to Twin River Casino. Departure from Squantum Point Park at 10:15 a.m. with return home at approximately 6 p.m. Please make checks payable to Royal Tours. Must be a Kennedy Center member, payment is due at time of registration.

Renewed Push For Lunar New Year School Holiday

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was listed on the agenda for the March 20 School Committee meeting for discussion and is eligible for a vote on April 10. It can still be amended at the upcoming meeting.

The school board previously surveyed teachers, staff and students about potential changes to the academic calendar. They were asked about adding several new holidays, including Lunar New Year, removing Good Friday as a holiday, and other changes. The results from the survey were shared at the March 13 policy subcommittee meeting.

A total of 1,249 parents, representing 2,017 current students, responded to the survey. A plurality of parents, 43 percent, agreed with making Lunar New Year a holiday; 26 percent were neutral, and 31 percent disagreed. A plurality of parents, 41 percent, supported removing Good Friday as a holiday, 21 percent were neutral, and 38 percent disagreed with doing so. On a question asking if no changes should be made to the school calendar, 42 percent agreed, 28 percent were neutral, and 30 percent disagreed.

A total of 695 percent of staff members responded to the survey. A plurality of staff, 42 percent, agreed with making Lunar New Year a holiday, 21 percent were neutral, and 37 percent disagreed. For removing Good Friday as a holiday, 34 percent of staff agreed, 22 percent were neutral, and 44 percent disagreed. On the question asking if no changes should be made to the school calendar, 53 percent of staff agreed, 22 percent were neutral, and 25 percent disagreed.

A total of 317 students in grades 8-12 responded to the survey. A majority of students said they supported making Lunar New Year and the other observances listed in the survey school holidays and a majority opposed removing Good Friday as a holiday.

During the open forum portion of the March 20 meeting of the full committee, three people spoke out in favor of making Lunar New Year a school holiday. The board also received four letters in support of adding the new holiday, plus a fifth letter from someone who spoke during the open forum.

Frank Santoro, a former school board member, was among those who spoke at open forum. While serving on the committee last year, Santoro had supported making Lunar New Year a holiday starting in the 2023-24 academic year.

In his comments at the meeting, Santoro said communities in Massachusetts and around the country close during religious and cultural holidays when attendance would be low. Quincy has low school attendance on Lunar New Year, he said, and teachers do very little on those days because of the low attendance. Students who miss school on that day receive an absence that ruins perfect attendance, he said, even if it is considered an excused absence.

"On Jan. 29 next year, you should apologize to those students who are seeking perfect attendance and must forfeit celebrating with their parents to spend a day doing puzzles, watching movies, and having study periods to keep their perfect attendance status," Santoro said.

Shivpreet Singh questioned why the school board had not made Lunar New Year a holiday, given the support voiced for doing so at open forums last spring.

"I haven't heard one person speak against having it as a holiday at this forum. It's increasingly looking to me as a person of color that our celebrations don't matter. It's showing the School Committee to be not very inclusive," Singh said, later adding that the committee has voted in recent years to make Election Day and the day of the presidential primary school holidays.

Jana Mulkern, who spoke at the meeting and wrote a letter to the board, voiced her support for making Lunar New Year a holiday. Mulkern said she was "disheartened by the flawed design of the survey sent to QPS families."

"The survey conflated the loud request by our community for Lunar New Year observance with many other holidays. A late leading question...seemed to make an all-or-nothing choice between 'add all holidays' or 'keep the calendar as is,'" Mulkern said. "The survey didn't include an open-ended question or any opportunity to add supporting comments as qualitative data to enrich results. Conducting a completely quantitative survey on such a topic seems shortsighted."

In a letter to the school board, the EDI subcom-

mittee of the Citywide PTO, which is co-chaired by Heather McDuffus and Grace Young-Jae, said it supported making Lunar New Year a holiday. In their letter, the EDI subcommittee noted a plurality, 39 percent, of Quincy Public Schools students are of Asian descent.

"We are continuing to disrespect all our families and students who make up this majority population in QPS by not recognizing Lunar New Year," the subcommittee wrote in the letter. "We are far behind other communities who have recognized it, even communities whose population is not as closely represented as our majority AAPI population in Quincy. We need to catch up and celebrate the people who call Quincy home and call QPS their school."

Later on during the March 20 meeting, Perdios said she wanted to make Lunar New Year a school holiday. Parents, students and others spoke at open forums last spring in support of doing so. 1,200 people signed an online petition last spring in support of the new holiday, and pluralities of parents and staff who took the recent survey supported making it a holiday, she said.

"I think our role is to represent our stakeholders and make decisions that are respectful of their thoughts and what they are asking of us. Other states are doing this - we're not blazing the way, we're not alone. I don't understand why we wouldn't add this one day off after so much public outpouring of support for this," Perdios said. "I firmly believe we should have Lunar New Year as a day off in our calendar."

Koch said he would not be supporting the calendar the policy subcommittee had recommended, which did not include a day off on Lunar New Year.

"The head tells me we can't give any more days off; if we have a bad, snowy winter we're going into June, into July. My heart tells me this is a holiday we should be acknowledging officially on the school calendar. It then begs the question, 'what's the next one, what's the one after that.' I guess we'll have to take them one at a time," Koch said.

"I would not be supporting the calendar as recommended by the subcommittee. I would encourage my colleagues to think a little more about it."

The mayor later added that he was bothered by some of the comments made during open forum that suggested the school system was not respecting

the Asian-American community.

"I think the school system out of all departments has done a remarkable job with programming and welcoming and all the extras that comes with it for that community. I think we should be proud of that, so I don't think this is a question of respect," Koch said. "I just think at this point, with the numbers as they are, it's the right thing to do."

Gutro asked Koch if he would support making Lunar New Year a city holiday because parents who work for the city and have children in the school system would have to take a vacation day or leave their children home alone for the day if schools were closed and the city was open.

"One of the issues that we talked about, or at least I talked about last week, was students get the day off, but if you work for the city you can only get the day off if you take a vacation day," Gutro said.

"The School Committee, in the current proposed calendar that came out of subcommittee, says we will give you an excused absence, which to me is the same as saying you can take a day off if you have enough vacation days. Is there any sense about a citywide holiday? Either the students are home alone or their parents, if they're celebrating, have to take a day off."

Koch said he would not support making Lunar New Year a holiday for city em-

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READERS FORUM

School Committee Should Establish Lunar New Year Holiday

For three years I have been trying to convince the school committee about the importance of establishing Lunar New Year as a school holiday.

Rather than talking about survey data or relying on a survey from a weak representation of parents, let's talk about the facts.

It's a fact that cities and towns across the Commonwealth and across the country do not have school because of religious and cultural reasons which causes low attendance in schools.

It's a fact that the states of California, Washington, New York, Colorado and New Jersey have Lunar New Year off.

It's a fact that Quincy is a changing city.

It's a fact that the majority of students in Quincy Public Schools are of Asian descent.

It's a fact that the Lunar New Year celebration dates in Quincy are days of low attendance.

It's a fact that teachers do little in their classrooms that day because of low attendance.

It's a fact that an absence goes on your record whether it is excused or unexcused and ruins perfect attendance status.

On January 29th the school committee should apologize to those students who are seeking perfect attendance and must forfeit celebrating with their families to spend the day doing puzzles, watching movies

and having study periods to keep their perfect attendance status.

Kudos to Mrs. Perdios for understanding the value of accepting the Asian culture as part of the Quincy Community.

Thank you Courtney for being in touch with the majority of your students and their families.

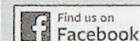
If you all truly represented our students and families you would also embrace the culture of this majority.

It's time for change. Vote on April 10th to grant them this holiday.

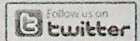
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Editor's note: The letter writer served 12 years as an elected member of the Quincy School Committee.

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8:00pm: Beyond Abigail: Notable Quincy Women

Friday, March 29
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
7:00pm: AM Quincy: State Rep. Tackey Chan

Saturday, March 30
12:00pm: Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
2:00pm: QHS Women's Athletic Hall of Fame

Sunday, March 31
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News
1:00pm: The Call

Monday, April 1
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
8:00pm: QHS Women's Athletic Hall of Fame

Tuesday, April 2
7:00am: LIVE: AM Quincy with Joe Catalano
7:00pm: AM Quincy: Mayor Thomas Koch

Wednesday, April 3
6:00pm: Quincy Point Church Good News
7:00pm: The Call

Government Access Channel 9

Thursday, March 28
5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 3/26
6:30pm: Dept Profiles: Quincy Police Department
8:00pm: At the Kennedy Center: Get Better Sleep

Friday, March 29
10:30am: Health Links: Aging Strong
6:00pm: Good Deeds: The Franklin Public Library
8:00pm: Planning Board 3/20

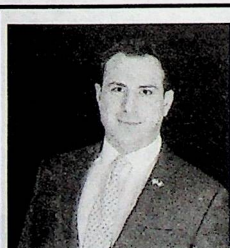
Saturday/Sunday, March 30/31
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10:00am: Good Deeds: The Franklin Public Library
10:30am: Scott Woolweaver & Lynn Salmonsens
11:00am: At the Kennedy Center: Get Better Sleep
12:00pm: MA House of Representatives
5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 3/26
6:00pm: In the Know: Norfolk County Sheriff

Monday, April 1
6:30pm: LIVE: Council incl. Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 2
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Wednesday, April 3
7:00pm: City Council incl. Public Hearing 4/1

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Renewed Push For Lunar New Year School Holiday

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ployees.

"A holiday for police and fire costs us literally hundreds of thousands of dollars...because we have to cover all these things with overtime. I would not be in anyway contemplating a holiday for city employees," the mayor said. "People have to make decisions and city employees do get ample vacation days and personal days."

Lebo said she was concerned about other groups feeling left out because their observances would not be recognized as school holidays.

"What I worry about when we do something like this, especially on the school side, is who is not being recognized," she said. "There is another group out there who maybe doesn't have as many members, they are not being recognized, so are they going to feel less than?"

As proposed in the calendar now pending before the School Committee, the first day of school for most students next year would be Sept. 4, the Wednesday after Labor Day. The calendar also keeps the traditional February and April vacations. The survey had asked about starting school before Labor Day and having a March vacation in lieu of the February and April ones. Those ideas were rejected by parents and staff alike – 62 percent of parents and more than half of staff disagreed with starting before Labor Day while 56 percent of parents and 81 percent of staff disagreed with merging the two vacation weeks into a single March vacation.

The final day of classes – without the addition of Lunar New Year as a holiday – would be June 18. If five days of classes were canceled, because of snow or other reasons, the last day would be June 26.



Real Estate

Quincy Real Estate Transactions March 18 - March 22

Transactions are compiled by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

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Erik Honkonen
Giulio & Paula Deconti
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Haizhou Pan & Yun Han
NQ3 Development LLC
EMI-MR Boston Properties LLC, Geoffrey Arend,
Richard McDonald & BP Hershey II LLC
Barbara Gargan
167 Babcock LLC
John & Louise Kelly
She Chen & Ling Wu

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Sara, Ly & Hao Nguyen & Thanh Lam
Lan Nguyen
Jonathan Shee
Wing Y & Wing K Chui
Yun Han
Edmond, Brikena & Dimitri Gjini
James, Juin & Chad Cohen,
Robert Allen & Comar Real Estate Trust
Gregory Seymourian
Brittany Whittaker
Richard Diaz
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Register O'Donnell's 'Suits For Success' Expands Partnership

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently partnered with The Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity of Boston to donate more than 300 articles of smart casual clothing, business attire, and suits for the 2024 City of Boston Youth Jobs & Resource Fair.

For individuals just starting out on the road to success, the high price of a suit can be an insurmountable obstacle, and it can represent a missed opportunity.

"It is my great pleasure to donate these men's and women's suits and dress clothes on behalf of the residents of Norfolk County, and I hope that by partnering with the Office of Youth

Employment and Opportunity, we can help to eliminate some of the barriers for young job seekers, empowering them to present themselves confidently in interviews," O'Donnell said.

The goal of the 2024 City of Boston Youth Jobs & Resource Fair is to connect young job seekers with over 150 employers. The event features job placement opportunities, and career development workshops. For more information contact the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/youth-employment-and-opportunity> or email them at Youthline@boston.gov.

"It's a great partnership for the future because sometimes we don't have access to a lot of suits," said Jasmin Argueta, Youth and Career Development coordinator



JASMIN ARGUETA, Youth and Career Development coordinator for The Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity and Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell, prepare to load donations for the 2024 City of Boston Youth Jobs & Resource Fair at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Complex.

Courtesy Photo

for the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity. "A donation like this allows for the youth to have access

to clothes that they need for interviews or to have clothes for when they get a job in the future."

Since the Registry started the "Suits for Success" program in February 2009, it

has distributed more than 12,000 articles of clothing to local charitable organizations.

"During the past decade and a half, we have learned that programs like 'Suits

for Success' work," said O'Donnell. "This program has given many people a valuable resource to help them on the path to success. It is rewarding just to help others in our community who may be looking to take that next step in a search for a job."

The Youth Engagement and Opportunities Program finds job prospects, develops, and engages Boston's youth. Their mission is to prepare young individuals to enter the workforce by supplying them with the necessary tools to do so, including training, clothing, and networking.

"Coming to job fair and finding out that they are

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Barbara Graceffa: More On Decorating Magazines Over The Years

In my last column, I wrote of some notable changes in magazine design and product advertising since reading a 1918 issue of *The House Beautiful*. Here I share some signs of the times that I hope you find as interesting as I did.

First, the message on the war-time cover of the 25-cent issue warmed my heart: "When you finish reading this magazine, place a 1-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employee, and it will be placed

in the hands of our soldiers or sailors at the front."

During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson asked Americans to ration coffee, canned food, sugar, wheat, and red meat so supplies could be sent to the troops abroad. House Beautiful printed recipes for barley chocolate cake, cornmeal pie crust, and rice fish loaf with an eggless sauce. And articles on setting up victory gardens instructed homeowners on how to grow their own foods.

Two full-page ads — which were not the norm at the time — stood out in the issue I read. Aimed at male decision-makers, the ad for Western Electric irons, vacuums, portable sewing machines, washers, and stoves had this marketing message: "Economizing to meet war-time conditions is a man's size job. Are you doing anything to help your wife solve this problem? Have you thought that electricity can prove just as essential in the management of home as

it is in business?"

The second ad promoted a one-dollar magazine subscription renewal (regularly \$2.50/year) and a set of four hardcover books for a woman's "business library." The set included a reference on home repairs, household nutrition, the housekeeper's handy book, and letters to a young housekeeper on how to do "the little daily things that make a house ... restful ... for a husband."

Finally, it was the editorial entitled "Masculism" that made me smile. Here's an excerpt. "Feminism implies masculinism, and these are the days for the men. Mother comes home from the office, having stopped in at the club. Father is waiting

to greet her with a pleasant smile. He hides his household worries from her. ... He has put the children to bed. ... He has prepared a dainty dinner for her, and serves it with that unobtrusive grace he perfected at the fishing school. ... The hour after dinner is Mother's Hour. She takes the paper, puts her feet up, and relaxes over the stock reports and the editorials." The editorial continues challenging the misogynistic times and concludes, "Are we coming to this? Well, not perhaps exactly. Personally we would give a woman every opportunity she wishes and we have yet to see the positions she does not grace. And we feel sure she will prove magnani-

mous in the midst of her victories. We feel sure she will never deprive the man of the vote."

In conclusion, I can't help recalling the ad catchphrase for Virginia Slims cigarettes, "We've come a long way, baby!" (and I don't just mean magazine styles).

Barbara Graceffa owns and operates Secretary of the Interior in Quincy, offering creative solutions at reasonable rates. Learn more about her decorating, downsizing, decluttering, home staging, home décor sewing services, and lectures at www.sec-interior.com.

You can reach her at 617-921-6033.

First Literacy Spelling Bee Fundraiser

First Literacy will host its 34th annual Spelling Bee Fundraiser at the State Street Channel Center, 1 Iron St., Boston on Thursday, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Over 15 spelling teams from the Boston area will compete in one of the oldest adult spelling bees in the country. Teams include corporations, community groups, and groups of families and friends.

Former WBZ news anchor, Josh Binswanger, will be back for his 14th year as emcee.

The Annual Spelling Bee is First Literacy's largest fundraiser, having raised over \$3.6 million to support

adult literacy programs that provide life-changing educational opportunities for adults in Massachusetts.

The event will be held at the State Street Channel Center in Boston. Teams of three will be spelling words sure to stump even the savviest of spellers. Those attending the Spelling Bee will have a chance to participate alongside the teams using the First Literacy Spelling App.

Kevin McGovern, New England Managing Partner at Deloitte and First Literacy supporter for the last seven years, will also receive the First Literacy Champion

Award and former First Literacy Scholar, Thays Lobo, will share her story. Thays came to the U.S. from Brazil in 2018. She faced many adversities in her upbringing in Brazil but found hope in the strong women who raised her. With a passion for social work, Thays always felt a strong purpose to help others. A First Literacy scholarship made it possible for Thays to improve her English and further her education when she came to the United States.

For more information about the First Literacy Spelling Bee, visit <https://firstliteracy.org/spelling-bee/>.

Rep. Lynch Secures Federal Funding For Houghs Neck Sea Wall

U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch announces that he secured \$450,000 of funding for the City of Quincy to rehabilitate the Manet Avenue Seawall in Houghs Neck in the Second Consolidated Appropriations Bill.

"The Manet Avenue Seawall serves as a critical barrier between Quincy Bay and the adjacent neighborhoods, and protects against flooding, erosion, and other coastal hazards," said Rep. Lynch. "Massachusetts is experiencing significant deterioration and damage to our coastal barriers due to climate change. This project will help restore the seawall and improve its structural integrity and resilience, while enhancing public safety and

improving community access to the waterfront.

"I am thankful for the partnership of my friend, Mayor Tom Koch and the state delegation that helped us identify this important community project in need of federal assistance. I am grateful for the strong support of my partners in the U.S. Senate, Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, and for their work to ensure this funding remained included in the final package. This would not have happened without them."

The Second Consolidated Appropriations Bill and the 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act fund 15 community projects in the 8th Congressional District, providing over \$15 million

that will help make residents safer, strengthen our communities, create good jobs, and confront the climate crisis. The appropriations bills have been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and have been signed into law by President Biden.

When enacted, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will receive a total estimated amount of \$213.4 million in funding from the bill that will support 202 community projects across the Commonwealth. To receive Community Project Funding, an entity must submit a detailed application and demonstrate that its project enjoys strong local support.

'Suits For Success' Expands Partnership

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able to have access to professional clothing that they might not have at home can play a lot with someone's confidence, knowing that they are able to show up to a job interview in a nice suit," said Argueta.

The "Suits for Success" program, developed by Register O'Donnell, partners with groups like Interfaith Social Services of Quincy, Father Bill's & MainSpring of Quincy, the Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System Voluntary Service Program, Needham community council, Circle of Hope in Needham, United Parish's Thrifty Threads, St. Vincent de Paul in Plainville, St. Francis House in Boston, Suits and Smiles in Jamaica

Plain, InnerCity Weightlifting, New Life Furniture Bank of Massachusetts in Walpole, and The Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity of Boston to assist those who are in need of clothing as well as household items. The mission of "Suits for Success" is to collect donations of suitable clothing to be distributed to individuals who may need appropriate attire for employment interviews.

"I want to thank the individuals of Norfolk County and the surrounding communities who have taken the time and effort to donate to the "Suits for Success" program making, the partnerships we have with nonprofit organizations throughout

Norfolk County and beyond possible," O'Donnell said.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

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East Boston, Lynn, Winthrop Ferry Service Resumes This Spring

The MBTA announced March 25 that East Boston ferry service will resume for the season effective Monday, April 1, and the Lynn and Winthrop ferries will resume for the season effective Monday, April 29. Weekend Hingham/Hull/Logan to Boston ferry service will also resume beginning Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25, through Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend, Monday, Oct. 14.

Service schedules for the East Boston ferry are available online now at mbta.com/EastBoston. Lynn, Winthrop, and weekend Hingham/Hull/Logan ferry schedules will be posted in the coming weeks at mbta.com/ferry. Spring ser-

vice schedules for Subway, Bus, and Commuter Rail will be available soon at mbta.com/ServiceChanges.

The Winthrop ferry operates on weekdays from April 29 through Nov. 30 between Winthrop Landing, Quincy (Squantum), and the downtown Boston area at Central Wharf (South). A one-way fare on the Winthrop ferry is \$6.50 (or \$3.25 for Reduced Fare riders) in April, May,

June, September, and October. In support of MassDOT's Summer Tunnel project, a one-way fare on the Winthrop Ferry will be reduced to \$2.40, the same cost as a one-way subway ride, in July and August 2024.

Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted.

A Job Well Done

By OFFICER GREGG HARTNETT
Public Information Officer
Quincy Police Department

On Wednesday, March 20, Officers Dave Sansevero and Paul Jackson were dispatched to the Marshalls store on Newport Avenue for a report of shoplifting in progress. It was reported that a male and female were exiting the store and fleeing in a Honda minivan bearing a Pennsylvania registration.

Officer Sansevero observed the minivan nearby and conducted a motor vehicle stop on Elmwood Avenue. Dispatch updated that the Marshalls' staff were pulling up to his location. The store staff are part of a Northeast task force for the company. The two suspects in the minivan are connected to a yearlong investigation, most recently shoplifting at stores in Newton, Waltham, Dorchester and Roxbury. Stolen merchandise from the Quincy location was recovered from the minivan.

The male suspect was arrested for larceny over \$1,200, receiving stolen property and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The female suspect was arrested for unlawful possession of a theft detection remover (silver hook), larceny over \$1,200 and receiving stolen property. They were both arraigned at the Quincy District Court.

Officer Acevado assisted with the booking process, recovering the silver hook on the female suspect person and translation, as both suspects did not speak English.

Job Well Done!



QUINCY POLICE Officers Miller, Ryan and Mitchell attended an Easter Fun event at the Snug Harbor School March 24th. The event was hosted by the Harborview Residents Committee and the Glad Tidings Church. The officers are assigned to the department's Community Service Unit. *Courtesy Photo*

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

SHOPLIFT (male/female), 3:12 a.m., Seven Eleven Store, 75 Copeland St. Involved parties were trespassed by store employee in the presence of officers and sent on their way.

LARCENY (investigation), 8:33 a.m., FedEx, 520 Commander Shea Blvd. Attempt arrest for larceny. Arrest made. Report to be filed.

ARMED ROBBERY (in the past), 10:51 a.m., 95 West Squantum St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male party), 12:38 p.m., BJs, 200 Crown Colony Dr. One male arrested for two counts of shoplifting and had two outstanding warrants.

SHOPLIFT (about to leave), 3:20 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect fled, store to handle. No police action.

LARCENY (two packages), 6:57 p.m., 200 block of Quarry Street. Report to be filed.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (past), 1:20 a.m., Hancock Garage, 25 Cottage Ave. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (fighting), 1:52 a.m., 400 Water St. Group of youths fighting in the street. Peace restored. Group advised and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (two males), 11:56 a.m., Home Depot, 465 Centre St. Suspects located, identified, issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

DISORDER (male), 3:11 p.m., Seven Eleven Store, 721 Hancock St. Male causing disturbance inside of the store. Unruly male left prior to officers' arrival.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (motor vehicle), 5:03 p.m., Fenno Street and Rice Road. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (male), 7 p.m., Tony's House of Pizza, 662 Hancock St. Unruly customer inside. Peace restored. Customer sent on the way.

LARCENY (packages), 100 block of Willard Street. No suspect information. Case number provided.

SHOPLIFT, 10:52 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspect located, items returned. Suspect issued a trespass and sent on the way.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (dwelling), 3:24 p.m., 160 block of South Street. Door kicked open, ripped off hinges to basement. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female), 3:30 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 65 Newport Ave. Stolen items recovered. Female suspect issued a trespass and sent on the way.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (within last hour), 3:40 p.m., 788 Willard St. Caller states driver side window broken in, ignition tampered with, and car is on unable to shut it off. Report to be filed.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (overnight), 7:26 a.m., John Street. Report to be filed.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (BMW motorcycle), 12:55 p.m., Brunswick Street. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (SUV), 4:26 p.m., 479 Southern Artery. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (store refusing access), 6:10 p.m., Seven Eleven Store, 721 Hancock St. Person left prior to officers' arrival.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

SHOPLIFT (male), 1:21 p.m., Star Market, 130 Granite St. Items returned to the store. Suspect advised and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (past), 1:36 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (past), 2:08 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (flagged down), 9:11 p.m., Newbury Avenue and East Squantum Street. Caller had four of his tires slashed. Report to be filed.

SHOTS HEARD (6-7 loud pops), 10:06 p.m., 350 block of Water Street. Caller states 6-7 loud pops in the area. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

SHOPLIFT (male), 9:34 a.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 132 Granite St. Suspect detained, identified and issued a trespass notice. Sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (male party), 1:49 p.m., TJ Maxx, 100 Granite St. One under arrest for shoplifting and two outstanding warrants.

ASSAULT (toilet paper holder), 3:09 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 495 Southern Artery. Youths hit an

elderly male over the head with a toilet paper holder in the restroom. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING (past), 4:30 p.m., 70 block of Palmer St. Several items stolen from caller's apartment. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT, 5:03 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Two shoplifters left the store and fled in a vehicle. The suspects were located, a motor vehicle stop was conducted, and two suspects were arrested on several charges.

DISORDER (female), 5:11 p.m., 500 Falls Blvd. Female called 911 asking for police response due to a dispute then disconnected. No answer on the call back. Road rage incident. One person involved left prior to officers' arrival.

DISORDER (arguing), 7:19 p.m., Father Bill's Place, 39 Broad St. Two males fighting in the lobby, no weapons. Both sent on the way and suspected from the property.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

DISORDER (past), 7:54 a.m., 20 block of Arthur Street. Caller states she stayed at her son's father's house last night and when she arrived home this morning she observed her apartment had been vandalized. Report to be filed.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (possibly stolen), 8:53 a.m., 200 block of Copeland St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 9:22 a.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 330 Hancock St. Suspect has shoplifted before and store has video. Report to be filed. Request detectives to attempt ID of suspect.

SHOPLIFT (leaving store), 10 a.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Merchandise recovered. The suspect was a repeat offender and was identified using video surveillance summonsed to court for shoplifting. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT (past), 9:55 a.m., 1000 Southern Artery. Caller reports that someone tried to get into her apartment. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (past), 10:21 a.m., Safelite, 1017 Hancock St. Dispute with a customer. All advised. Peace restored.

RECOVERED/VEHICLE (comes back stolen), 1:47 p.m., Pond Street Playground, 50 Pond St. Significant front end damage and no front bumper. Vehicle towed. Owner notified.

American Legion National Commander To Visit Morrisette Post

'Meet And Greet' With Commander Daniel Seehafer Friday, April 5 At Post #294

On Friday, April 5th from 3-6 p.m. The American Legion National Commander will be in town to visit the Cyril P Morrisette Post #294 for a meet and greet.

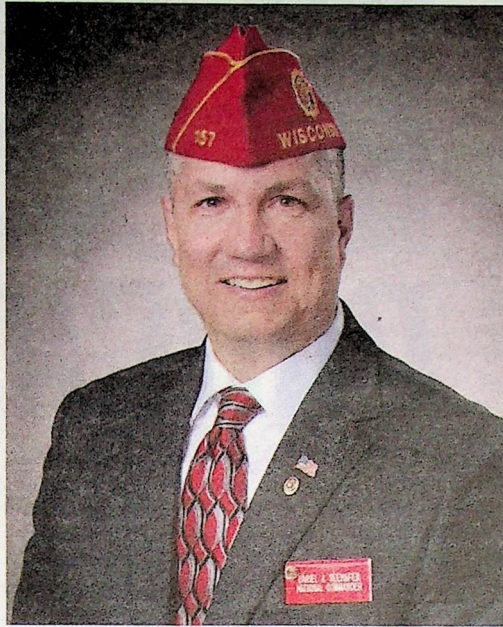
Commander Daniel J. Seehafer will be in town for his Commander's banquet that takes place in Marlboro on Saturday, April 6th. During his visit to Quincy's Morrisette Post he will meet and greet local veterans and will take pictures as needed. He will be escorted by Past National Commander John "Jake" Comer and the Department of Mass. State Commander.

"This is a great opportunity to meet the Commander in a social atmosphere," said George Bouchard, commander of the Morrisette American Legion Post.

"This is his only stop in this area, so all are welcome to join us in welcoming him to the city of Quincy and to the American Legion family and the Cyril P. Morrisette Post #294."

Commander Seehafer was elected national commander of The American Legion Aug. 31, 2023, in Charlotte, N.C. during the 104th national convention. Seehafer likes to say, "It's personal," when it comes to The American Legion's mission of serving veterans and their families. He is continuing the theme "Be the One," to prevent veteran suicide.

An ordained minister from Wisconsin, Commander Seehafer earned his American Legion eligibility through service in the U.S.



DANIEL J. SEEHAFFER
American Legion National Commander

Navy and Reserve, where he served as a military chaplain. A member of American Legion Post 157 in Horicon, Wis., Seehafer served in a number of American Legion offices at every level, including national chaplain and commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

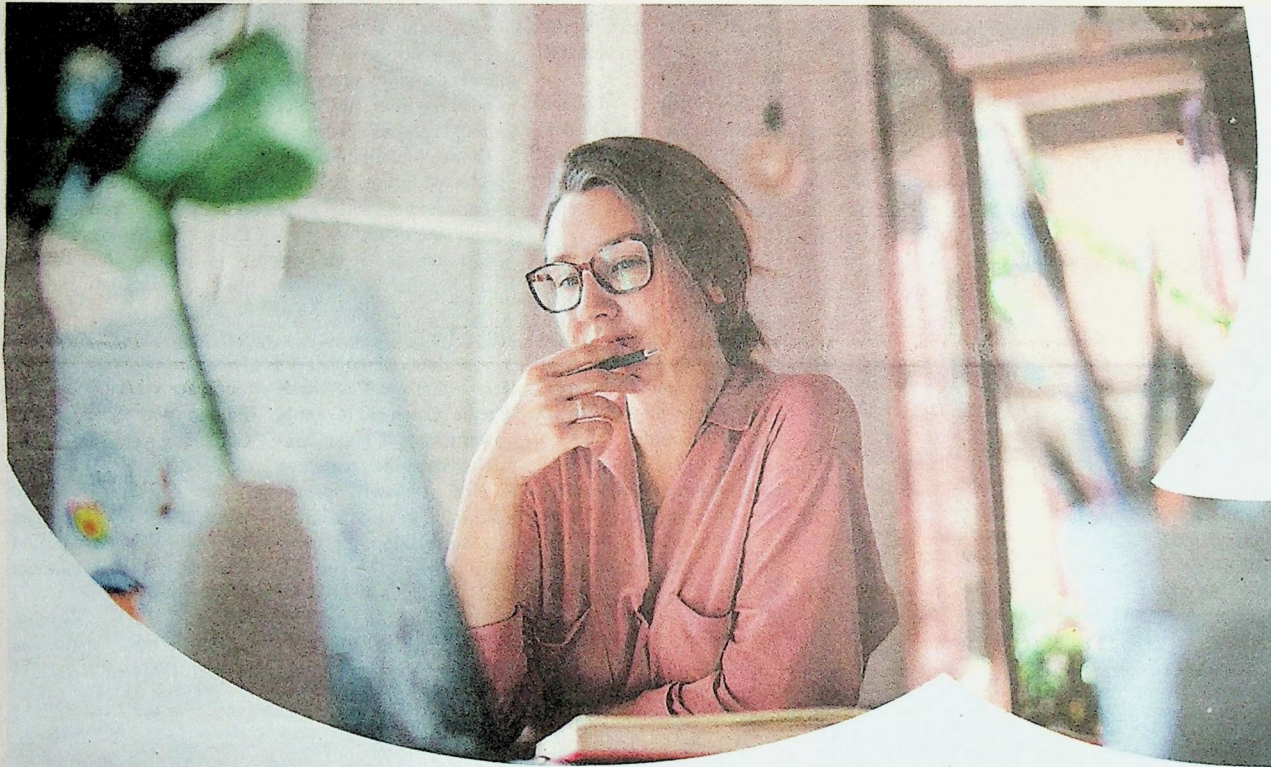
Born and raised in Merrill, Wis., he lettered in cross-country track while in high school and later received a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry from Concordia University and a Master of Divinity at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Seehafer was installed as assistant pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Horicon in 1997 and continues to serve as administrative pastor of the church and

its school. His American Legion post was recognized for "100 percent" and "All Time High" in membership during his terms as commander and adjutant. Other honors include District Commander's New Post Achievement Award, Silver Brigade, and Post 157 Legionnaire of the Year.

In 2023, Seehafer earned an Outstanding Heroism Award for administering the Heimlich maneuver to a choking victim at an American Legion dinner.

National Commander Seehafer and his wife, Stacey, who is a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157, live in Beaver Dam, Wis. Dan's son, Jacob, and daughter, Emma, are also members of the Post 157 family. Dan is the son of the late Lester Seehafer and Jean Sabatke.



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QUINCY COLLEGE

Pooch Playoffs Competition, Fundraiser Voting Underway

Wendy Adams, owner of Wendy Adams Fine Art Photography, has always loved pets. So when the opportunity to help the Quincy Animal Shelter presented itself, she jumped on it. She photographed 16 pooches for a \$150 fee, donated to the Quincy Animal Shelter.

Contestants received a complimentary key chain portrait of their choice and a fun swag bag of goodies from some generous local businesses. There will be prizes for first, second and third place winners. And an additional prize for the winner of the national competition.

The bracket style competition has been unleashed and they are about to face off in an online vote. Voting is open to the public and free, everyone is encouraged to vote. The winners of each round advance with the goal to be voted the Ulti-mutt Cutie of Norfolk County! The winner will move on to a national winner takes all competition where one pooch will be crowned. Voting got underway March 23.

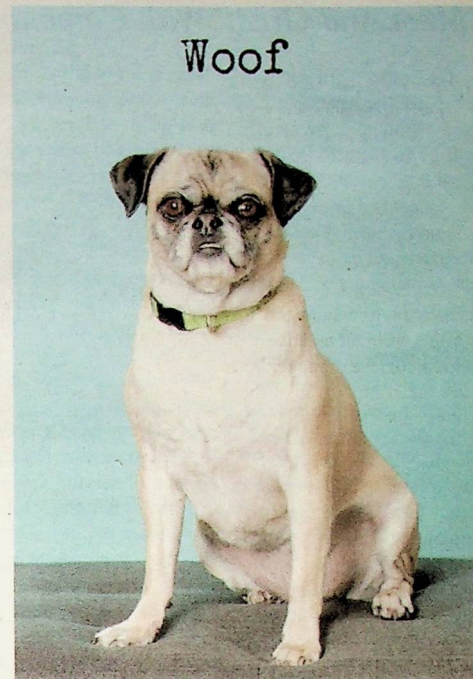
The national competition will be a one-day vote, winner takes all on April 7th. The winner of the national competition will receive an engraved Yeti bowl and their charity will receive an additional donation.

"I'm really hoping everyone will come back and vote for our winner in the national competition on April 7th. I'm competitive and I want to see the Quincy Animal Shelter win that extra donation," Adams said.

To vote and find Pooch Playoff information visit Wendy's website www.WendyAdamsFineArtPhotography.com and click on Pooch Playoffs.



A COMPETITION FOR THE ULTI-MUTT CUTIE



Evoke Positive Emotions: Add The Pantone Color Of The Year To Your Garden

By MELINDA MYERS

Add a warm, cozy feel to this year's gardens with the 2024 Pantone Color of the Year, Peach Fuzz. It was selected for generating a feeling of kindness and tenderness and encouraging sharing, community, and collaboration. Consider including this color in your garden to convey these emotions or as a good excuse

to add more plants to your landscape.

This is the 25th year the Pantone Color Institute has selected a color that reflects the spirit of the times. These are colors you are likely to see in home furnishings, advertisements, and even our landscapes.

Peach Fuzz lies somewhere between pink and salmon. Many garden plants

have flowers that fit into this color spectrum and can be used in containers and garden beds.

Dianthus Vivacia Orange is hardy to zone 7a but can be used as an annual in colder areas. The large double flowers top 10- to 16-inch-tall plants and are showy during the cooler months of the growing season. They combine nicely with other

flowers and their sturdy stems make them suitable for cutting.

SuperTrouper Orange Dianthus has similar colored flowers that are about 20% smaller. It is hardy in zones 5 to 9 and has a spicy fragrance.

Celosia Celway Salmon has the same heat and drought tolerance as other celosias. The spiky blooms are held atop 40- to 48-inch stems, making them great additions to the middle or back of the border.

If you love salvias, you can find a variety of peachy-colored blossoms. These plants tend to be deer-resistant and hummingbird magnets. Just check the plant tag for more specific information on the mature size and hardiness.

Luxury Lace daylily has subtly fragrant star-shaped

flowers. Hardy in zones four to eight it has the same low maintenance requirements as other daylilies. Just water thoroughly when needed.

Geum 'Mai Tai' has vermillion red flowers that fade to a peachy pink early in the season. The 18-inch-tall burgundy stems are a nice contrast to the flowers. Grow it in full sun with moist soil in zones five to seven.

Last but certainly not least is threadleaf coreopsis 'Crème Caramel' (Coreopsis verticillata 'Crème Caramel'). Hardy in zones five to nine, it slowly spreads making it a nice addition to a sunny slope or traditional border. The fine foliage blends nicely with other flowers, adding welcome texture to any planting. Watch the peachy-pink flowers deepen to salmon when temperatures cool.

Use the artist's color wheel to find colors that pair well with these and other peach-fuzz-colored flowers and foliage. Then look for opportunities to add interesting texture for some additional pizzazz. You and your visitors will enjoy the cozy warm feeling when walking through your landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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For more information about the Evening for Sight, visit the website at www.quincylionsclub.com Correspondence by mail is received at P.O. Box 27 Wollaston, MA., 02170.



HEAT AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT Celosia Celway Salmon has spiky blooms atop 40- to 48-inch stems.
Photo Courtesy Ball Horticultural Company

North Quincy, Quincy High School Softball Teams To Merge

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fewer than two dozen students at the two high schools signed up to play this year.

"Both teams had a varsity only level last year," he said. "This year we combined the programs. They both roughly with sign ups have eleven kids."

Mahoney added that administrators would be "getting a little bit creative with some of the younger kids on the team," to give them the chance to play in JV-like games.

The QNQ softball team will be one of five co-op teams competing this spring, along with boys' lacrosse, girls' golf, outdoor track and field, and sailing. The schools will have separate teams in baseball, tennis, girls' lacrosse and boys' volleyball.

School Committee member Paul Bregoli asked if the high schools were trending towards more combined teams.

"You have ten spring

sports. Five of them are combined," he said. "Is that a trend that's going towards combining?"

Mahoney said he was unsure if there was a trend toward more co-op teams. Coaches keep tabs on participation in youth sports, he said, and the popularity of lacrosse is limiting the number of players who play softball.

"Lacrosse being very popular is kind of affecting those softball numbers," Mahoney said. "The youth numbers in softball just aren't really high right now and we knew going into this year both programs would be pretty low, especially only having varsity last year."

"With the combined teams, the goal is to build the programs to eventually separate," he added.

In boys' lacrosse, Mahoney said, "the numbers are big right now with a really nice freshman class group coming in that are currently

on the squad." Track is also "extremely popular," he said, and it is possible the two schools will have separate teams next year.

In addition to the spring sports combined teams, the two schools had co-ops in cross country in the fall and swimming, indoor track, wrestling, and girls' ice hockey in the winter.

As for the winter season, Mahoney said that he was "very happy with how things happened...with the athletic programs at both high schools."

At Quincy High School, 195 student-athletes participated in the winter season. Twelve players were named Patriot League All-Stars: Salma Boukhtam (girls' indoor track); Jayden Francois (boys' indoor track); Danny Adams (boys' basketball); Alyssa Hopps, Paige Mann, Niamh Gendron and Rory Kennedy (girls' basketball); Nate Hall (boys' ice hockey); Ciara Folan (girls' ice hockey); and Edwin Vino,

Nathan Doyle and Matthew Nellany (wrestling). Hopps was also named league MVP.

At North Quincy High School, 260 student-athletes participated in the winter sports season. Thirteen players were named Patriot League All-Stars: Aluna Coogan-Coyne, Maddy McGillicuddy and Sofija Slezas (girls' indoor track); Charlie Baker and Kobe Nguyen (boys' basketball); Ava Bryan and Maeve Powers (girls' basketball); Brian Buckley, Cam Leiman and Michael Silverman (boys' ice hockey); Kenny Guan (boys' swimming); and Christina Guan and Leann Ruan (girls' swimming).

Bregoli said he found it "disconcerting" that only the Quincy and North Quincy girls' basketball teams finished this past season with a winning record; the co-op boys' swimming team also had a winning record. Mahoney said the results

can be cyclical.

"The last couple years, boys' basketball at North Quincy has been successful beyond this year, if you consider it a down year, but they still compete," Mahoney said. "The last couple years, Quincy boys have struggled but [they're] kind of doing a rebuild with a new coach and kids are buying in and whatnot."

Bregoli, a former coach, said having two high schools in the city can pose a challenge when it comes to athletics.

"I think probably the biggest difficulty is we have two high schools drawing on a finite number of kids in the system," Bregoli said. "North draws from 1.5 middle schools and Quincy draws from 3.5. That's always the way it's been, and I don't understand how it came to be."

Committee member Tina Cahill suggested the girls' basketball could help their

peers develop as coaches.

"The observation I have is go girls' basketball. Both teams did great and they're kind of carrying the torch for our high schools," Cahill said. "Maybe these girls' basketball coaches need to have a forum for the other coaches."

Committee member Courtney Perdios asked which of the winter programs have junior varsity teams in place. Mahoney said each boys' and girls' basketball program was able to field three levels of teams – the varsity squad, a junior varsity squad and either a freshman squad or a second junior varsity squad with freshmen and some sophomores. The boys' hockey programs had a combined JV team while there was no JV team for the girls' hockey co-op; Mahoney said few girls' hockey programs have JV teams.

Quincy's Michaela Lawson Wins Elks Hoop Shoot State Championship

Congratulations to Quincy's Michaela Lawson, who recently won the 2024 Massachusetts Elks Hoop Shoot competition for girls ages 8-9.

Michaela's road to her state championship began at the local hoop shoot level in Quincy, and then at the regional hoop shoot level. As state champion, she participated in the New England regional competition in Portland, Maine, and came in second place.

As the chair of the Quincy Elks Hoop Shoot committee,

"It was a pleasure to see Michaela succeed," said state Rep. Bruce Ayers, chairperson of the Quincy Elks Hoop Shoot Committee. "The Elks are proud of her for this outstanding accomplishment."

The man in the picture is Justin Lawson, Michaela's father.



QUINCY'S MICHAELLA LAWSON recently won the Massachusetts Elks Hoop Shoot competition for girls ages 8-9. Michaela proudly holds her trophy as her father, Justin Lawson (left) and state Rep. Bruce Ayers, chairperson of the Quincy Elks Hoop Shoot Committee, congratulate the state champ.

Courtesy Photo



WINNING TEAM – North Quincy High School juniors recently won the CGI IT Girl Challenge hosted by Junior Achievement. Holding a \$20,000 check for winning first place in the mobile app competition are (from left to right) Xuan-Mai Ippolito, Alexia Laci, Melani Wijaya and Hannah Moriarty. Each student received \$5,000 for college expenses.

Courtesy Photo

Four NQHS Juniors Win Mobile App Competition

Four North Quincy High School juniors recently participated in the CGI IT Girl Challenge hosted by Junior Achievement. In this competition, students partnered with CGI mentors to create a mobile app to solve a real world problem drawn from their own experiences.

Team Falcon Focus, consisting of Xuan-Mai Ippolito, Alexia Laci, Melani Wijaya and Hannah Moriarty, were awarded the first place prize for their app titled Falcon Focus. This app provides a platform for students to combine the need to focus with opportunities to socialize during breaks. Users set timers for their study time, and then, during break times, they can chat with peers through text or video

chat.

This is the third year that CGI, a global IT and business consulting services firm and Junior Achievement have partnered to offer this challenge to high school

girls. Last year's winners were also from North Quincy High School. They are Nichole Chen and Jialin Yu who designed and pitched an app to the judges.

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FATHER PETER CASEY, former pastor at Saint Agatha Parish in Milton, has been selected by the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation Board and the Bresnahan family as the recipient of this year's Dr. Stephen Bresnahan Award. Father Casey was chosen for this year's award due to his unwavering dedication and service to the people of Saint Rock. *Courtesy Photo*

Father Peter Casey 2024 Saint Rock Haiti Foundation Dr. Stephen Bresnahan Award Recipient

Father Peter Casey, former pastor at Saint Agatha Parish in Milton, has been selected by the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation Board and the Bresnahan family as the recipient of this year's Dr. Stephen Bresnahan Award.

The award is given in honor of Stephen Bresnahan, MD, to individuals who demonstrate commitment and dedication to ensuring that every person in Saint Rock Haiti and surrounding communities can thrive in all aspects of life.

Jocelyn Bresnahan, the president and CEO of the foundation, announced that Father Casey was chosen for this year's award due to his unwavering dedication and service to the people of Saint Rock. His unwavering efforts, compassionate spirit, and commitment to serving those with less privilege are in line with the values that Stephen held dear.

Father Casey expressed his humility and gratitude for receiving the Bresnahan Award. He described Dr. Bresnahan as a gentle giant who made everyone feel like they were the most important person in the room. He also praised Dr. Bresnahan's kindness and healing abilities.

Despite the current political situation, the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation healthcare system remains operational today. The foundation has found innovative ways to keep the doors to the health centers open, meeting the needs of patients in their time of greatest need while prioritizing the safety of the Haiti staff. SRHF understands the urgency to continue as every other healthcare center and most referral hospitals in the catchment area are shuttered.

The Saint Rock Haiti Foundation (SRHF) will hold its annual gala on Wednesday, April 10, at the Granite Links at 6 p.m. The gala will begin with a cocktail hour followed by a program and seated dinner. Dr. Dan and Elaine Driscoll of Milton will be honored as Gala Hosts, and Jessica Brown, WCVB Channel 5's News Center co-anchor and medical reporter, will be the master of ceremonies. Jessica is known for her fearless reporting and dedication to community service.

The gala theme for this year is the Power of Partnership, and it will honor the partners located around the globe that help the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation (SRHF) achieve its mission. The foundation works alongside the people of Saint Rock and the surrounding rural communities to enhance their lives by providing quality primary healthcare, helping children and young adults access valuable educational opportunities, instituting community outreach programs that support economic sustainability, investing in infrastructure to support overall health, and empowering community members.

The funds raised by the gala will support the work of SRHF in Saint Rock and the surrounding communities, including a cervical cancer screening program and an innovative maternal-child health program that involves community health workers using electronic tablets to collect patient data.

Gala tickets are \$175 (regular price) and \$100 (young professionals under 30) and responses are requested by March 20th. The Flatley Foundation is once again serving as a matching sponsor. To become a sponsor or for additional information, contact Maribeth MacDonald at mmckenzie@saintrockhaitifoundation.org, 617-750-1937, or go to website <https://saintrock.org>.

Salvation Army Easter Sunrise Service On Wollaston Beach

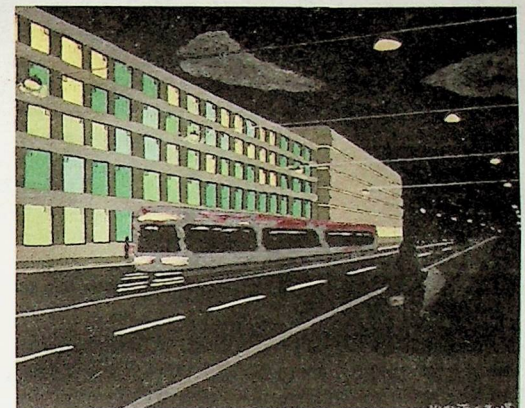
The Salvation Army will be holding an Easter Sunrise Service March 31 at 6:30 a.m. on Wollaston Beach in between the Yacht Clubs.

We will be singing Easter Hymns and hearing a message based in the Bible.

All are welcome to attend.



ARTIST DON HAMMONTREE will be featured at an exhibit at the Milton Public Library during April. Samples of Hammontree's artwork appear below. *Courtesy Photos*



MPL Exhibit Features Artist Don Hammontree

In the month of April, there will be an exhibit in the Wotiz Gallery of the Milton Public Library by artist Don Hammontree.

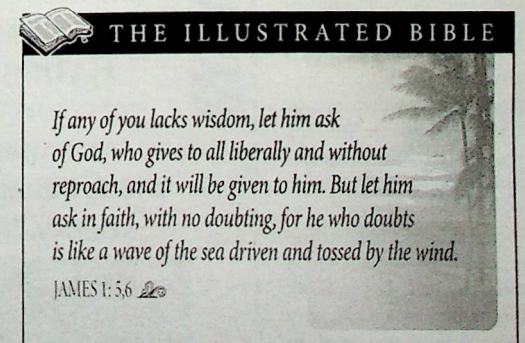
Hammontree is a Salem, MA-based artist, photographer, musician and writer. His photographs and colorful paintings, which tend to focus on streetscapes, architecture and vintage automobiles, have been displayed throughout New England, in shows stretching from Salem, Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville to Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

As a musician, Hammontree is a regular presence on the local circuit, performing original material from his three solo records in venues across Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. His latest project, "Why England Slept," has just released its latest album, "House of Pizza."

For more information about Don's work, Email him at lviv44@yahoo.com or visit his Etsy.com store at <https://etsy.com/shop/blackmorfreak>.

For more information about displaying your art at the Milton Public Library, email jhlady@milton.ocln.org or call or stop by at the Reference Dept. (617-898-4964) for an application.

The Milton Public Library is located at 476 Canton Ave. and the library's website is www.miltonlibrary.org.



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday:
March 28 - 6:00 pm
QPCC Sanctuary
Service of Tenebrae,
Holy Communion, and
Stripping of the altar.

Good Friday:
The Seven Last Words
With the Quincy Interchurch Council
March 29 - 12 Noon
St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church - 1 Linden Street, Quincy

Easter Sunday:
6:15 am
Sunrise Service
Wollaston Beach
(across from the Clam Box restaurant
beside the Yacht clubs)
with Wollaston Congregational,
Bethel Church of the Nazarene,
and First Presbyterian Church
of Quincy

10:00 am
QPCC Sanctuary
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Quincy Point Congregational Church Holy Week Services

Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St., Quincy, announces its Holy Week and Easter services.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28 there will be a 6 p.m. Service of Holy Communion, Tenebrae and Stripping of the altar in the church Sanctuary.

On Good Friday, March 29 a service of the Seven Last Words will be observed with the Quincy Interchurch Council at 12 noon at St. Chrysostom's Church, 1 Linden St., Quincy.

There are two Services on Easter Sunday. The first service is an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. on Wollaston Beach (across from the Clam Box restaurant and beside the Yacht Clubs). Clergy from Quincy Point Congregational, Wollaston Congregational, Bethel Church of the Nazarene and The First Presbyterian Church of Quincy lead this service, marking the dawn of a new day, for Christ is risen!

Then, at 10 a.m., the public is invited to a joyous Easter celebration in the QPCC Sanctuary, marking the culmination of the Lenten theme, "Where the Heart is - Resurrected and Repaired." Witness the transformation of the church Sanctuary as the hearts that were crafted at the beginning of Lent turn into beautiful butterflies. Rev. Kimberly extends a warm invitation for you to bring your family, invite friends, and even don your Easter Bonnet for the occasion.

Following worship, all are invited to a special Easter Fellowship in the downstairs Social Hall. There will also be an

Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Quincy Point Congregational Church is accessible to all with an elevator on the Abbey Road side of the church and an "all access" restroom. The weekly worship is live streamed at 10 a.m. each Sunday or you can see past services anytime on the church YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook pages or on the church website: www.quincypointcong.org. Weekly worship is also re-broadcast on QATV channel 8 on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

The Mission Committee at QPCC is sponsoring a BUILD A BED workshop and SNUGGLE Drive. This is the church's second time sponsoring this mission because we trust in their initiative; A Bed for Every Child believes sleep is as essential as food, water, shelter, and clothing. They envision a world where every child has a safe place to rest and dream, and so do we.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 4 at QPCC at 10:30 a.m. Building teams consist of 3 to 4 builders each team. Only 12 beds will be built. No experience is necessary. Register to build a bed or donate to the "Snuggle" Drive (New twin sized comforters, sheets, pillows, a book and a stuffed animal). Donations are needed just as much as builders. Sign up required <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4FA4AE2DA0F94-48289804-build#/> or monetary donations accepted at <https://www.quincypointcong.org/donate>.

St. Agatha Parish Holy Week Services

St. Agatha Parish, 432 Adams St., Milton, announces its Holy Week and Easter services.

Wednesday, March 27: 6 to 7 p.m. Reconciliation and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Adoration.

Holy Thursday, March 28: 9 a.m. Morning Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration of the Eucharist until 10 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29: 9 a.m. Morning Prayer and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday, March 30: 9 a.m. Morning Prayer and 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday, March 31: Masses 7:30 a.m. (church), 9:30 a.m. (church), and 11:30 a.m. (both church and Parish Center) - no 5 p.m. Mass.

Christ's Church Holy Week Services

Christ's Church, 12 Quincy Ave., Quincy, announces its Holy Week Services.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On March 29, there will be a Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For more information call 617-773-0310.

The church is located at the corner of Hancock, Elm and School Streets.

Miracle On Good Friday Leads To Inspirational Journey Of Faith

In his powerful true story, *Finding Faith in the Field*, Ben Hylden recounts in chilling detail his near-fatal car accident on Good Friday, April 6, 2007, and traces the series of miracles that had to unfold for his survival and eventual long road to recovery. And from that seemingly tragic day came triumph as today, Hylden is an author, motivational speaker and entrepreneur with a clothing line.

"Everything hurt; it felt like a bomb had exploded inside of me," Hylden recalled in his book. "My lungs were filling up with my own lifeblood. I knew my life was about to be over. I didn't think I could take much more. There was not enough air and too much pain. I never in my wild-

est dreams thought my life would end like this."

Hylden was just 16 years old when he drove his car down an old dirt road where he admits he "could go as fast as I wanted." He was late for an appointment but didn't account for the icy road conditions. He flew 60 mph into an approach. His car flipped several times, and Hylden was ejected, slamming head-first into a half-frozen field.

"My entire body hurt. My face felt like it was crushed from the inside out," he wrote. "In a few moments, my eyes and face swelled up so badly I couldn't see any more. I was alone, and there was no one to help me."

Or so he thought.

He soon heard the faint voices of a man and a wom-

an. In his mind, he called them "two nice people." Little did he know, the "two nice people" were his parents, and his face was so badly damaged they hadn't recognized their own son until they spotted a familiar winter coat that had been thrown from the car.

Riddled with severe internal injuries, a shattered face and a traumatic brain injury, Hylden was given just a 5% chance of survival.

"Many miracles happened on that day for my life to be saved," Hylden recounted. "Yet the greatest miracle on that day remained a secret, even from me, until much later."

In *Finding Faith in the Field*, Hylden shares with readers the secret that was revealed to him when he re-

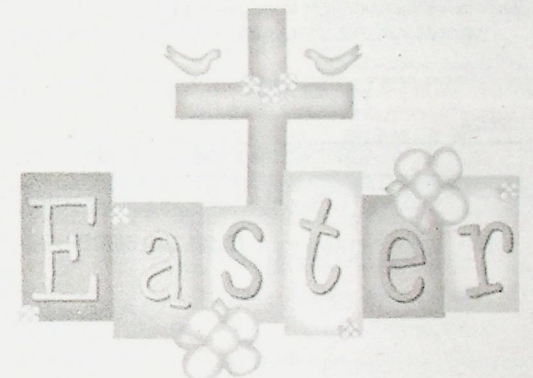
visited the site of his crash as well as his long road to recovery and his remarkable journey of faith — a journey that ultimately taught him what truly matters most in life.

Ben Hylden grew up on a dairy farm near Park River where he played sports and went to high school. After high school, he attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where he was inspired to write his life story. After the release of *Finding Faith in the Field*, his career as a motivational speaker took off. Along with being an author and public

speaker, he is also a health coach and founder of a new clothing brand, Ajabu.

For more information, visit www.benhylden.com,

or follow the author on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/finding-faithinthefield>.



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HOLY THURSDAY—March 28

9 AM — MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM* — MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
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GOOD FRIDAY—March 29

9 AM — MORNING PRAYER

3 PM* — LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7:30 PM — LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY—March 30

9 AM — MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM* — EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY MASS—March 31

7:30 AM (CHURCH)

9:30 AM* (CHURCH)

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For
FILED SUB BIDDER AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

CITY OF QUINCY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1305 HANCOCK STREET
QUINCY, MA 02169

Invites sealed bids for furnishing and delivering to the City of Quincy:

MONTCLAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

for "FILED SUB CONTRACTORS"
for "GENERAL CONTRACTORS"

APRIL 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.
APRIL 25, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

A non-mandatory site visit for both Sub-Contractors and General Contractors will be on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** on site. (8 Belmont Street, Quincy, MA 02171)

The City of Quincy, on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the "MONTCLAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT", in accordance with contract documents prepared by TSKP Studio. The work of this contract includes but is not limited to removal and replacement of 10,000 SF of existing roofing and associated components, and reconfiguration of two multi-fixture toilet rooms. General Bidders must be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for Roofing. The total projected is estimated to cost \$1,625,000.00.

Trade Categories	Est. Constr. Cost
Masonry	\$160,229.00
Miscellaneous Metals	\$31,898.00
Tile	\$26,400.00

Trade Categories	Est. Constr. Cost
Plumbing	\$118,918.00
HVAC	\$64,214.00
Electrical	\$25,000.00

The Successful "General Contractor" and "Filed Sub Contractor" must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management copy of the DCAM Update Statement and certificate of eligibility must be submitted with the bid.

Detailed specifications will be available March 27, 2024, at no cost on-line at the City's website. (https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids.php) Bidders shall send a confirming email to: mmarini@quincyma.gov to maintain a plan holders list. If Bidding Documents are downloaded and/or printed from the website, it is bidder's responsibility to check the website for any addenda before submitting a bid. The City will not be responsible for any bid that omits addenda acknowledgement. Bidding documents are also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries for **Filed Subs** will be accepted until April 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Inquiries for **General Contractors** will be accepted until April 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

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Invites sealed bids for furnishing and delivering to the City of Quincy:

WOLLASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

for "FILED SUB CONTRACTORS"
for "GENERAL CONTRACTORS"

APRIL 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
APRIL 25, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

A non-mandatory site visit for both Sub-Contractors and General Contractors will be on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** on site. (205 Beale Street, Quincy, MA 02170)

The City of Quincy, on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the "WOLLASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT", in accordance with contract documents prepared by TSKP Studio. The work of this contract includes but is not limited to removal and replacement of 10,000 SF of existing roofing and associated components, and ADA upgrades to the ground level between the original building and addition. General Bidders must be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for Roofing. The total projected is estimated to cost \$1,031,000.00.

Trade Categories	Est. Constr. Cost
Plumbing	\$26,138.00

Trade Categories	Est. Constr. Cost
HVAC	\$48,308.00

The Successful "General Contractor" and "Filed Sub Contractor" must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management copy of the DCAM Update Statement and certificate of eligibility must be submitted with the bid.

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All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries for **Filed Subs** will be accepted until April 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Inquiries for **General Contractors** will be accepted until April 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

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AAA Tips For Solar Eclipse Trips

While many eclipse enthusiasts have had April 8 circled on their calendars for months, it's not too late for last-minute adventurers to plan a trip so they can see the natural phenomenon in person.

Where to go: According to AAA booking data, the Texas cities of Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio are the most popular destinations along the path of totality. Here in the northeast, Buffalo, New York, offers an eclipse-viewing destination that's closer to home and could make for a great road trip.

When and how to get there: The eclipse falls on a Monday, so many travelers will make a long weekend of the event with Saturday, April 6, expected to be a busy travel day. AAA car rental partner Hertz reports a 3,000 percent increase over last year in advance bookings for eclipse path cities for that Saturday. The eclipse also overlaps with Spring Break for many families across the U.S., so there will be even more travelers than usual on the move that weekend.

AAA booking data show hotels in the most popular cities along the path of totality are 48 percent more expensive during the eclipse weekend than they were that same time last year. AAA members can receive discounts at hotels across the country, including Hilton, Best Western, and Choice Hotels brands, all of which have locations in and around Buffalo.

How to stay safe: Travelers should expect heavier than normal traffic before and after the eclipse. AAA offers the following guidance for safe eclipse-viewing for those traveling on the roadways:

- Keep your vehicle's headlights on.
- Put the sun visor down to block your view of the sun.
- Don't wear eclipse glasses while driving.
- Don't try to photograph or video the eclipse while driving.
- Don't pull over to the side of the road, highway, or interstate to view the eclipse – exit the roadway and park in a safe area away from traffic.
- Be mindful of pedestrians who may be walking around with their eyes on the sky.

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CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Works

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Public Works for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts is seeking sealed bids for **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS 2024 CONTRACT #2** until **11:30 a.m. local time Thursday, April 11, 2024**, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The City of Quincy, Massachusetts will accept sealed bids for the reclamation (full-depth), cold planing and surfacing of various roadways, including sidewalks and curbing. All work under this contract shall be substantially completed by November 30, 2024 and all work shall be ready for final pavement the following spring growing season. The estimated value of the contract is \$6,181,366.80.

A 5% bid bond is required for the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The Bidder **must** be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for Highway Construction.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Specifications will be available March 27, 2024.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised. All applicable Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations in relation to and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

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Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Alfred J. Grazioso, Commissioner of Public Works
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

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OBITUARIES

James J. Smith III, 58

James J. Smith III, age 58, a longtime resident of Quincy, died suddenly, Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at home.

Jim was born in Boston, raised and educated in Dorchester's Savin Hill. He was a graduate of Charles-ton High School.

He lived in Quincy for over thirty years, previously in Dorchester.

Jim was formerly employed as a printing pressman.

Beloved son of the late Phyllis M. (Maxwell) Smith and James J. Smith.

Devoted brother of Daniel C. Smith and his wife Susan of Weymouth, Kathleen A. Smith of Manchester, N.H., and the late Thomas J. Smith.

Loving uncle of Lauren and Julia, Shawnee and Angelina, and great uncle of



JAMES J. SMITH III

Nicholas.

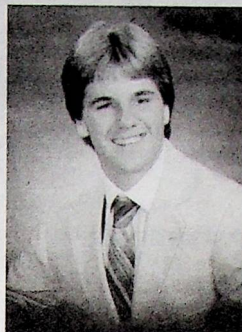
Graveside Services were conducted at Mount Calvary Cemetery, 366 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, on Monday, March 25.

Arrangements under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Christopher Brooks, 55

Christopher Brooks, 55, of Quincy passed away on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024.

Chris was such a fun, loving guy. He would have given the shirt off his back to anyone in need, always looking out for those around him. Although we are saddened by his loss, we remember all the memories we've shared with him over the years. (The good, bad, and the crazy.) If you knew him, you know he'd leave an impression on you no matter what. Chris leaves behind his father, James, two sons, CJ & Kyle, and three stepdaughters, Kimberly, Amanda, and Nicole, two grandchildren, Alannah & Braylen, two brothers, Keith & Jimmy. He also leaves behind two nephews, Quinten & Keith and two nieces, Avery and Cassidy, and many cousins. As we



CHRISTOPHER BROOKS

take this time to grieve, let's also remember to celebrate his life. I know he wouldn't want it any other way.

Rest in heavenly peace, we know you're so happy to finally re-unite with CJ.

Visiting Hours were held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Hamel-Lydon Chapel, Quincy. For information and online condolences, please visit HamelLydon.com.

Richard E. Miller, 77

Richard E. Miller, of Hanover, formerly of Quincy, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the age of 77.

Richard was born in Boston on April 2, 1946, and was the son of the late Frederick R. and Bertha (LaBonte) Miller. He was raised in Roxbury and attended local schools. Following high school, Richard was drafted into the United States Army on Sept. 27, 1966. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged on Sept. 7, 1969. After Richard's time in the service, he went to work as a printer for the Ames Safety Envelope Co. in Somerville. He retired after 31 years of service.

Some of Richard's loves were his family, metal detecting, collecting coins and clocks, and carpentry. He also loved playing cards with family.

Richard was the beloved husband of the late Theresa A. (Banfield) Miller, with whom he shared many loving years. He was the devoted father of Janine E. D'Elia and her husband Michael of Virginia, Julie A. Miller of California, Jill T. McCrevan and her husband Jeffrey of Hanover, and John R. Miller and his wife Megan of New York. Richard was the loving grandfather of eight children: Benjamin, Ryan and Ethan D'Elia, Theresa, Henry and Greta McCrevan and Jackson and Ade-



RICHARD E. MILLER

line Miller. He was the dear brother of Carol Doolan of Abington, Joyce Rogers of Oxford, the late Frederick Miller, and the late Margaret Banks. Richard is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, March 26, 2024 in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, prior to the Funeral Mass in Holy Trinity Parish at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Quincy at 10 a.m. Cremation will follow.

Interment will be held privately at a later date in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree with Army Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Richard's name to the American Heart Association by visiting: www.heart.org.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

William J. Tobin, Jr., 79

William J. Tobin, Jr., age 79, of Holbrook, formerly of Quincy, died peacefully, Monday, March 18, 2024 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Milton, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born in Medford, to the late Ann A. (Hogan) and William J. Tobin, Sr. Raised in Arlington, he was a graduate of Arlington High School, Class of 1965. He earned his Bachelor degree from Curry College in Milton in 1972.

He lived in Holbrook for seventeen years, previously in Quincy for many years.

Bill was proud to have served in the United States Air Force during the early 1960s with the 4780th Supply Squadron (ADC).

Bill was employed as a probation officer at Plymouth District Court and had been retired for many years.

Beloved husband of the late Patricia M. (Barry) Tobin.

Devoted brother of Gerard W. Tobin and his wife Katherine of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Loving uncle of Hayden W. Tobin and his fiancée Grace Kennedy of Brooklyn, N.Y., Harrison R. Tobin



WILLIAM J. TOBIN, JR.

of Flower Mound, Tex., and Matthew Sloat and his wife Kathleen of Holbrook.

Bill is also survived by many dear cousins, including Edward Poirier of Needham.

At the request of the family, services were private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors, 9845 E. Bell Rd., Suite 130, Scottsdale, AZ 85260 or www.homesforwoundedwarriors.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Marie R. Harte, 92

Marie R. (Thornton) Harte, age 92, a lifelong resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Monday, March 18, 2024 at Hancock Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Marie was born in Quincy, to the late Patrick J. and Elizabeth (Hayes) Thornton. Raised in Quincy, she was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Boston, Class of 1949.

Widowed at a young age, Marie took charge and raised her young family. She was a devoted homemaker and mother and developed a special bond with her late son, Joseph. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and needlepoint.

She cherished her role as matriarch of her family and especially loved her grandchildren, supporting all their many activities and accomplishments.

Beloved wife of the late Vincent W. Harte.

Devoted mother of Patrick J. Harte and his wife Cheryl of Woonsocket, R.I., Marie E. Harte Sanchez and her husband Ruben of Alexandria, Va., Colleen A. Malley and her husband John of Stoughton, William J. Harte and Lynn LeCourt of Raynham, and the late Joseph P. Harte.



MARIE R. HARTE

Loving grandmother of Patty, Abbie, Jake, Bailey, Joe, Bree, Brendan, and Samantha.

Dear sister of the late Joseph Thornton and his surviving wife Jeanne of Canton. Marie is also survived by three nephews and their families.

Visiting hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy, on Sunday, March 24. Funeral Services were conducted at the funeral home on Monday, March 25. Interment followed at Pine Hill Cemetery, West Quincy.

For those who wish, donations in Marie's memory may be made to Special Olympics Massachusetts, 512 Forest St., Marlborough, MA 01752.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

NOTICE TO READERS

Obituaries appearing in The Quincy Sun and posted on the newspaper's website are written by the funeral home handling arrangements with input from the deceased's family.

They are not written by The Quincy Sun.

Obituaries are submitted by the funeral homes and are printed in The Sun space permitting.

Patricia A. Miceli, 90

Patricia A. (Cudworth) Miceli, of Quincy, died peacefully in her home on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the age of 90.

Patricia was born in Boston on June 26, 1933 and was the daughter of the late Patrick Driscoll and Anne (Dacey) Cudworth. She was raised in Boston, attended local schools, and graduated from Girls High.

Patricia was the beloved wife of the late Frank M. Miceli, who died in 1996. She was the devoted mother of Frank M. Miceli and his wife Carrie of Weymouth, Anne C. Miceli of Quincy, Stephen M. Miceli of Quincy, Daniel J. Miceli of Texas, Patricia E. Miceli of Texas, and Matthew J. Miceli and his wife Karen of Whitman. Patricia was the loving grandmother of Katherine White and her husband Cal of Taunton, Anthony, Samantha, Joseph and Em-



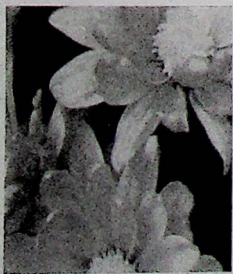
PATRICIA A. MICELI

ily Miceli, all of Whitman. She was preceded in death by her brother Raymond and her sisters Barbara and Phyllis and is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Following cremation, Patricia will be interred privately in Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Patricia's name to the charitable organization of one's choice.

See www.Keohane.com for online condolences.



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OBITUARIES

Nancy S. Hanna, 79

Nancy Suzanne Hanna (Moulton), age 79, of Weymouth, Passed away on March 12, 2024 with her loving family by her side. Nancy was born in Weymouth, raised and educated in Braintree, graduating from Braintree High School in 1962. After high school she worked in the Weymouth cafeteria system for many years and then decided to enter the sheet metal production industry. She and her beloved husband Bob, a retired Quincy Police Officer, raised their family in Weymouth, but they also enjoyed many years in Mashpee and Fort Meyers Beach, Florida.

Nancy was a devoted grandmother and loved spending time with and spoiling her seven grandchildren. She enjoyed travelling, especially cruises, camping and adored the



NANCY S. HANNA

beach. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Nancy is survived by her husband Robert Hanna Sr. of Weymouth. She is also survived by her children, Barbara Sargent and her husband, Steven of Weymouth, and Robert Hanna Jr. and his wife, Renee of Hanover. She will be missed by her grandchildren, McKen-

zie, Matthew, Brady, Robert III, Mary-Hanna, Abigail, and Chloe. She was loved by her surviving siblings, Albert R. Moulton III and Betsey Moulton. She was predeceased by her sisters Evelyn Fillmore and Carol O'Day.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a visitation for Nancy on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 4-7 p.m., in the CC Shepherd Funeral Home, located at 134 Pleasant St. (Columbian Sq.) South Weymouth. Relatives and friends will gather the following morning in the funeral home for a service for Nancy at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Blue Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the CarePro Adult Day Health Center. <https://www.careprohealth.com/>.

Joseph P. Sands, 59

Joseph P. Sands, a longtime resident of Quincy, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024. He was 59.

He was born in Boston to Evelyn M. (Monahan) and Robert E. Sands and raised in Dorchester. He graduated from Madison Park High School and shortly after began his career with the United States Post Office. He worked as a proud letter carrier for 38 years.

Joseph was a committed husband and father and loved spending time with his family. He always loved the beach and very much enjoyed traveling to Aruba with his wife, Denise and kids, Julia, and Joseph. He had a passion for buying and fixing up cars. Joseph was always able to negotiate an amazing deal and enjoyed the friendships and community that came along with



JOSEPH P. SANDS

the hobby. He was also an avid sports fan, especially for the Boston Bruins, Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots.

He was always the first to lend a hand and go out of his way for others. He truly loved helping people. He was kind, caring and always smiling. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Beloved husband of 15 years to Denise Burns Sands of Quincy. Devoted father to

Julia Sands of Quincy and Joseph C. Sands of Quincy. Loving brother to Robert Sands, Barbara Moccio, and Linda Downey. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Predeceased by his parents, Evelyn M. (Monahan) and Robert E. Sands and his brothers, Michael Sands and Stephen Sands.

A funeral service was celebrated Thursday, March 21st, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. Cremation followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joseph may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Nancy K. Muenchow, 75

Nancy Kay Muenchow, age 75, of Quincy, formerly of Meriden, Conn. died peacefully, Saturday, March 16, 2024 in the comfort of her home.

Nancy was born and raised in Meriden, Connecticut and was a graduate of Maloney High School, Class of 1967. She earned her Bachelor's degree in medical technology from Quinnipiac University in

1971. She has lived in Quincy for twenty-three years.

She was employed in the healthcare industry as a medical technologist in the Boston area for many years.

Nancy was a cat lover and enjoyed flowers and gardening. She was also a gourmet cook and loved entertaining.

Beloved daughter of the late Rennock and Evelyn (Velske) Muenchow.

Loving sister of Carol Paugas of Hamden, Conn. and Richard Muenchow of Rocky Hill, Conn.

Dear aunt of Jeremy Paugas, Janelle Margolies and the late Jason Paugas.

At the request of the family, services were private.

For those who wish, donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the Scituate Animal Shelter of Massachusetts, 780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate, MA 02066.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.



Houghs Neck 1880s Program Topic History Talk Series April 16

The Houghs Neck History Talk series will resume with a program entitled "Houghs Neck 1880s" at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Ave., Quincy, on Thursday, April 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The program, sponsored by the Seaside Social Club of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, will be presented by Patti Williams.

The program is free and open to the public.

In the 1880s Houghs Neck continued its devel-

opment from farmland to seaside community. Farms are sold making room for residential housing (of all kinds) culminating in the late 1880s in Illuminations as cottagers dressed their houses in lanterns and bunting to see out the season. We see the first church and first fire station, the building of the Quincy Yacht Club's clubhouse and hotels for visitors to the shore.

Industrial uses of Nut Island continue with companies bringing large ships

to be broken to recycle their iron, copper and other metals used in their construction and in some cases large parts of the ships such as a saloon cabin.

Other History Talk programs scheduled are Houghs Neck 1890s on May 16 and Houghs Neck Cottage Names on June 4. Programs will be held at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Ave., Quincy, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Get Ready To Ride Bike Maintenance Event April 13

On Saturday, April 13, Quincycles volunteers will be at the Central Middle School parking lot from 1 to 4 p.m. for a free Get Ready to Ride Bike Maintenance event.

Do you have a flat tire? Squeaky brakes? Creaky chain? Bring your bike and your willingness to learn and volunteers will help you fix your bike. The volunteers are knowledgeable, but not professional mechanics. They cannot assist with major repairs and will refer you to a local bike shop if the issue is beyond their ability.

This event is first-come first-served with a few guaranteed spots available through the Eventbrite link

on the group's website.

Quincycles is entering its 12th year of working to make Quincy a safer place to ride a bicycle. The volunteer run organization will be hosting rides from March to November. All rides are free and open to the public and recommended for participants age 18+.

If you are up for a challenge, join the group on the first Monday evening of each month for a longer, hillier ride route. Other more relaxed rides will explore Quincy neighborhoods and trails in the region.

The first of these neighborhood rides is Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 a.m. from Hancock Adams Common

to Houghs Neck and back. Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. In July and August the group will host two pre-ride classes on basic bike maintenance. Details about these events can be found on their website.

Quincycles is a group of Quincy residents advocating for bicycle infrastructure on our city streets and promoting responsible bicycling as a means of transportation, recreation, and exercise in Quincy.

More information about the group, these and upcoming events, and more can be found on their website at www.Quincycles.org.

Seaside Social Club Meets April 9 At Houghs Neck Congregational Church

The Seaside Social Club of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church will meet on Tuesday, April 9.

The program, which is open to the public, will be about Eldy's Yoga led by certified yoga instructor, Linda Beck. Come learn about this yoga which was developed specifically for seniors and others who may have difficulty with knees or mobility.

This yoga can be done entirely seated or a combination of seated and standing. Learn about good breathing techniques and

exercises which can be done at home. There is no fee to attend this program on April 9.

Come to our program and learn about Eldy's yoga and engage in a shortened session. An Eldy's yoga class has been meeting at the church each Tuesday at

1 p.m. which has a class fee of \$5 per person and is open to all.

Prior to the program, the club members will conduct a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. including the election of officers for the coming year.

NOTICE TO READERS

Obituaries appearing in The Quincy Sun and posted on the newspaper's website are written by the funeral home handling arrangements with input from the deceased's family.

They are not written by The Quincy Sun. Obituaries are submitted by the funeral homes and are printed in The Sun space permitting.

**More Obituaries
online at
TheQuincySun.com**

New Public-Private Partnership To Promote Skills-Based Hiring

Gov. Maura T. Healey announces the formation and launch of the MassSkills Coalition, which aims to bring employers from across industries together to collaborate on strategies to recruit and retain talent. The coalition builds off

the executive order signed by Gov. Healey in January instituting skills-based hiring practices for the state's workforce.

"I instituted skilled-based hiring across our administration to make sure we have a strong, diverse workforce and to lower barriers that far too many job applicants face. I also called on the business community to join us in these efforts, and the MassSkills Coalition will put that commitment to work," said Gov.

Healey. "Massachusetts is home to an incredible business community, world leading educational institutions, and strong labor unions – and this coalition will bring these groups together to collaborate on how we can make Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable."

"Our Executive Order was a significant step to lower barriers to entry, and the MassSkills Coalition will take this to the next level by creating a space to

share our experience with the business community and show our workforce that their skills, knowledge, and experience matter," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "We look forward to seeing the incredible impact the MassSkills Coalition will have for our economy and showing the nation how Massachusetts businesses, workers, academia, and government work together to strengthen the state."

The Coalition will be co-chaired by Lauren Jones, Secretary of Labor and

Workforce Development; Tonja Mettlach, Executive Vice President at the Massachusetts Business Roundtable; Jerry Rubin, Eastern Bank Foundation and Harvard Fellow; and Chrissy Lynch, President, Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

The Coalition will provide employers, business groups, and supportive partners with:

- A learning community to assist employers in strengthening a skills-based hiring agenda to emphasize skills, knowledge, and abilities.

ties.

- Best practices shared among employers to sustain and strengthen effective diversity, equity, inclusivity, and accessibility (DEIA) workplace cultures.

- Resources and data to support talent attraction and retention, which will be housed by EOLWD at www.mass.gov, and focus especially on skills-based hiring, including but not limited to:
 - o Rethinking how companies source talent;
 - o Re-writing job descriptions;

- o Reviewing existing assessment tools and adopting new interview processes;
- o Rethinking which jobs require degrees;
- o Developing and publishing transparent job advancement pathways;
- o Strengthening supportive work environments;
- o Creating new training modules; and
- o Recognizing and rewarding employees that earn credentials or certifications.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. NO24P0545EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Josephine M. Vignoni

Date of Death:

01/02/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Francine G. Caruso** of **North Billerica, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Francine G. Caruso** of **North Billerica, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 04/24/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 18, 2024

COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

3/28/24

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF QUINCY

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws that an application has been received from PMSmith, L.L.C., doing business as Pour Yard, John MacNeil, Manager, for a transfer of the On-Premises All-Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License presently held by RAC208 Inc. for the premises located at 208 Washington Street. The premises is a single-story ground-level restaurant of approximately 868 sq. ft. inside. There is also an outdoor patio of approximately 1,250 sq. ft. A hearing will be conducted at **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, at Quincy City Hall, first floor Boards and Commissions Room 1305 Hancock Street.

Nicole L. Crispo
Chair

3/28/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-10

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169. On the application of Albertina Asset LLC for a Variance to remove the existing house and construct two (2) new, duplex style townhouses in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance as amended Chapter 4.0 (dimensional requirements) on the premises numbered 66 ALBERTINA STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

3/21/24, 3/28/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-11

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169. On the application of Albertina Assets LLC for a Variance to remove the existing house and construct two (2) new, duplex style townhouses in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance as amended Chapter 4.0 (dimensional requirements) on the premises numbered 62 ALBERTINA STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

3/21/24, 3/28/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-12

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169. On the application of Xu Zhuo Ping for a Variance and Finding to convert the existing single-family home into a two-family home in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance as amended Chapter 4.1 (dimensional requirements) and Chapter 3.4.2 (extension of use) on the premises numbered 91 HAMDEN CIRCLE, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

3/21/24, 3/28/24

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF QUINCY

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws that an application has been received from Mallycat, L.L.C., doing business as Cagney's, John MacNeil, Manager, for a transfer of the On-Premises All-Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License presently held by Mdb Inc. for the premises located at 214 Washington Street. The premises is a single-story ground-level restaurant of approximately 2,720 sq. ft. A hearing will be conducted at **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, at Quincy City Hall, first floor Boards and Commissions Room 1305 Hancock Street.

Nicole L. Crispo
Chair

3/28/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-13

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169. On the application of Michael Connors, Remodelwerks, LLC for a Variance to construct an 8 foot addition and a 3 to 4 foot vestibule on the front elevation in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance as amended Chapter 4.1.1 (front setback) on the premises numbered 12 GLADSTONE STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

3/21/24, 3/28/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-14

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169. On the application of JCBT Architect for a Variance and Finding to construct an addition with a 2-car attached garage and a third floor in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance as amended Chapter 4.0 (dimensional requirements) and Chapter 3.4.3 (nonconforming structures) on the premises numbered 119 East Squantum Street, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

3/21/24, 3/28/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-15

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169. On the application of JCBT Architect for a Variance to demolish the existing side enclosed porch and construct a 2.5 story single family to the left side of the property in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance as amended Chapter 4.2, Article 4.2.2 (dimensional requirements and two buildings on one lot) on the premises numbered 23 BOTOLPH STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

3/21/24, 3/28/24

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

Docket No. NO19P1404EA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court

35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021

(781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Kathleen S. Ridge

Date of Death:

02/23/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Cynthia M. Donovan** of **Pawtucket RI**

requesting that: **Stephen A. Ridge** of **Quincy, MA** be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

Also requesting that:

Cynthia M. Donovan of **Pawtucket RI** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on 04/17/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia A. Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 14, 2024

COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

3/28/24

Gain Some Control Over Your Life

By Dr. GLENN MOLLETTE

Feeling like you have some control over your life is vital for life happiness.

Control is not always easy. It takes planning, sacrifice, work and good fortune.

Lots of things can happen in life that will shake the earth beneath our feet. Illness, weather disaster, a bad accident, and stupid mistakes. We are all vulnerable to any and all of these.

Considering anything can happen in life and chances are it will, we can all still make an effort to be in control of our daily lives.

First, know who you are and build on who you are. There is only one you and there will never be another like you. Chances are you may have become a clone. You started out as an original but became someone else. You may have redesigned your life to be accepted by a certain workforce, group, religious entity, fraternity, sorority, or political party mindset. This works for a while but you won't be very happy because it requires more work to not be you than it takes to just be you. This doesn't mean that you can't be a better you. We all can and should strive to be better, smarter, and the best we can be. Being a lazy, irresponsible, and ignorant are sure ways to not feel good or very secure in life. Life security and a feeling of having control over our lives requires work and living higher. Living lower will sink you. Build on who you are for success and happiness.

Next, you have to work. Yes, we have to work. It's essential to life security. The person who can work and wants to work will feel better and sleep better. There are all kinds of work and not every kind of work is for everyone. Discover what kind of work you enjoy and can do and learn to do it as well as you can. Working will give you a feeling of well-being. Millions of people in America can't work for various reasons. Disability happens, millions are handicapped by various health related issues.

Our country helps millions with Social Security disability and Medicare. At least with these government assistance programs people have something on which to survive. Keep in mind that a disability income in never a ticket to prosperity. What you can afford will be very limited. However, I do know people who have done well investing in the stock market even on a limited disability income and have

done amazingly well financially. Keep in mind if you are going to make a house or car payment it requires a serious income and a paying job. Try to lock into a job that you enjoy and can do.

Third, save money and stay out of debt as much as possible. Buy a house you can afford and save some money every month in an IRA or 401k or whatever is available to you. Research index funds and consider buying some stock in an index fund as you can. Index fund fees are typically cheaper. I'm not a stock advisor so do your own investigating. A school teacher friend bought index fund stocks every month for years and ended up with over a million dollars in stock by her retirement. Money isn't everything but you'll sleep better if you know you can buy groceries tomorrow and can pay your utility bills.

Finally, take a few minutes every morning and at the end of the day to be grateful. Give God thanks for all and anything you have and ask him to give you strength, wisdom and peace for the day or throughout the night.

LEGAL NOTICE

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY: PUBLICATION, MAILING
Docket No. NO24D0263DR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200
Xu Zheng, Plaintiff vs. Xujia Zou, Defendant

To the above named defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce Requesting that the court Grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Gar Chiang, Esq.
65 Harrison Ave. #208
Boston, MA 02111

your answer, if any, on or before **April 25, 2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 11, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

3/28/24

INVITATION TO BID

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CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Buildings

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Public Buildings for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts is seeking sealed bids for 20 destratification fans and associated power throughout the Quincy High School Gymnasium located at 100 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169. Bids will then be received until 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the Office of the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted.

A non-mandatory pre-bid walkthrough will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the school. The timeframe for the work must be between June 18, 2024 to July 7, 2024 with no exceptions. CORI forms and finger printing will be required for all workers entering the school building during construction.

The gymnasium is currently cooled by two (2) air handling systems. The upper level of the gymnasium stores heat and creates uncomfortable conditions especially on the upper track. This work will help to cool the space by mixing the new air with the cooler air below.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Specifications will be available March 27, 2024.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the Bid in the form of a Bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this Contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable in relation to Minority Business Enterprise, Women's Business Enterprise, Minority Work Force, Equal Employment Opportunity, and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer, by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries will be accepted until April 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

3/28/24

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For

FILED SUB BIDDERS AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS

CITY OF QUINCY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
1305 HANCOCK STREET
QUINCY, MA 02169

Invites sealed bids for furnishing and delivering to the City of Quincy:

POINT WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL BOILERS REPLACEMENT

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

for "FILED SUB CONTRACTORS"
for "GENERAL CONTRACTORS"

APRIL 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
APRIL 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

A non-mandatory site visit for both Sub-Contractors and General Contractors will be on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** on site. (60 Lancaster Street, Quincy, MA 02169. Please meet at the side entrance by the dumpster so everyone enters the school together.)

The City of Quincy, on behalf of the Department of Public Buildings, invites bidders to submit sealed bids for the "POINT WEBSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL BOILERS REPLACEMENT". The work of this contract includes the replacement of two (2) hot water boilers with new condenser boilers. The hot water boilers are currently located in the boiler room of the school. The existing boilers are almost 25 years old and in poor condition and are energy inefficient. The new condenser boilers to better heat the building and to increase energy efficiency. General Bidders must be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for HVAC. The total projected is estimated to cost \$800,000.00.

Trade Categories
Painting
Electrical

Est. Constr. Cost
\$25,000.00
\$70,000.00

Trade Categories
Plumbing

Est. Constr. Cost
\$105,000.00

The Successful "General Contractor" and "Filed Sub Contractor" must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management copy of the DCAM Update Statement and certificate of eligibility must be submitted with the bid.

Detailed specifications will be available March 27, 2024 at no cost on-line at the City's website. (https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids.php) Bidders shall send a confirming email to: mmarini@quincyma.gov to maintain a plan holders list. If Bidding Documents are downloaded and/or printed from the website, it is the bidder's responsibility to check the website for any addenda before submitting a bid. The City will not be responsible for any bid that omits addenda acknowledgement. Bidding documents are also available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email to: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. All inquiries for **Filed Subs** will be accepted until April 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Inquiries for **General Contractors** will be accepted until April 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-J, as last revised, all Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations when applicable. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Paul Hines, Commissioner of Public Buildings
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

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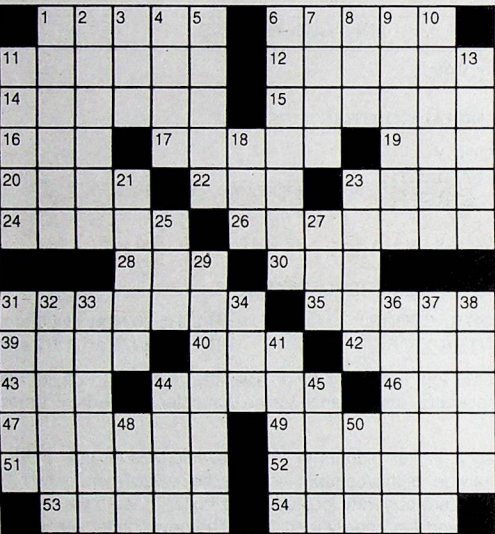
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quincysunsubs@gmail.com or
thequincysun@verizon.net

Need more information? Call 617-471-3100

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 - 7 Shortly
 - 8 Day- paint
 - 9 Car safety feature
 - 10 Allergy season sound
 - 11 Hourglass fillers
 - 13 "Melrose Place" actor Rob
 - 18 "Lion" star Patel
 - 21 Yank at
 - 23 Misanthrope
 - 25 — choy
 - 27 " — outta here!"
 - 29 Library array
 - 31 — plume
 - 32 Wise sayings
 - 33 "Scram!"
 - 34 Preventive shot, in slang
 - 36 40 winks
 - 37 Sidesteps
 - 38 Lipstick shades
 - 41 Repairs
 - 44 Rent
 - 45 Foolproof
 - 48 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
 - 50 Ruby or Sandra



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MAGIC MAZE ● HIMALAYAN PEAKS

L J G E B L E Y W O U R P B N
K I G D H B Z S X Y T V S A Q
C H O O Y U O M T K A G I N G
E C T S E R E V E P A N N D K
Y S K A N C H E N J U N G A W
E U G A N G O T R I S N E R K
Q P N L J I H F E C K P A P A
Y X V U S Q R M A N A S L U P
N M K J H F E D C N M B Z N Y
X V U H T A N R A D E K U C T
R Q U L A K A M P B T N O H M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: EARTH'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

Badrinath	Kamet	Lhotse	Nun
Bandarpunch	Kanchenjunga	Makalu	Nuptse
Cho Oyu	Kangto	Mana Peak	Yangra
Gangotri	Kedarnath	Manaslu	

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Seychelles islands located?
- TELEVISION:** In which sitcom is the catchphrase "Hello, Newman" used often?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is a cornichon?
- HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what should citizens do after they "Keep calm ..."?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of John Wayne's character in "True Grit"?
- LANGUAGE:** The Latin word "genu" refers to which part of the human body?
- U.S. STATES:** How many

states begin with the letter "R"?

- MEDICAL:** The first vaccine was created to protect against which disease?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name of Helen Keller's teacher, who taught the blind and deaf girl how to communicate?
- ANATOMY:** What is the smallest organ in the human body?

Answers

- Indian Ocean.
- "Seinfeld."
- A small pickle.
- "... and carry on."
- Rooster Cogburn.
- The knee.
- One: Rhode Island.
- Smallpox.
- Anne Sullivan.
- Pineal gland.

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Wishing Well®

3	2	5	6	3	8	7	5	7	8	7	8	6
O	M	R	C	B	A	G	E	O	S	O	U	H
5	6	8	2	8	2	3	2	8	4	7	3	4
W	A	N	A	N	K	E	E	Y	P	D	Y	L
5	7	6	2	4	8	6	5	6	2	6	4	8
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F	I	V	T	D	E	I	N	E	M	L	E	S
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O	R	S	D	O	W	K	S	A	A	P	R	S
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E	O	A	I	E	F	N	H	G	E	U	I	A
4	7	5	6	4	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	3
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel a little sheepish about admitting your feelings for a certain someone. But do it anyway. Your sincerity will make the right impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to clean out the clutter in your home. It's also a good time to sort out personal priorities and make decisions about certain relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid getting caught up in conflicting advice, even from trusted friends and family members. You need to dig for your own facts and make choices accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Conflicting aspects cause some confusion, both on the job and in your personal life. Try to keep your balance as you work things out to your benefit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters become especially taxing for many Leos this week. Pay careful attention to details so that you can avoid more complicated financial problems later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let regret for a past, rash act keep you from moving on. Meanwhile, a good friend reaches out to help you, and a family dispute needs to be resolved quickly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone you thought was an ally suddenly creates on-the-job problems. Wait for the fuss and fury to

end before going ahead with your plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're moving into a more favorable period in your personal life. Continue to be patient and allow those pesky problems to work themselves out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ask questions about a financial matter in your family. Don't rely on reassurances. Insist on proof that all is as it should be. And if isn't, why not?

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Personal relationships continue to improve. Vital information comes in about a matter that you almost gave up on. Ask a trusted friend for advice on a major purchase.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your financial situation continues to improve. Meanwhile, a family member makes demands on your time. Give what you can, but save some for yourself. You need it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That romantic attraction you've tried to ignore grows stronger. In addition, a former business associate turns up with important news that could affect your financial future.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a quiet strength that often surprises people. You are sensitive to the needs of others, even if you sometimes ignore your own.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

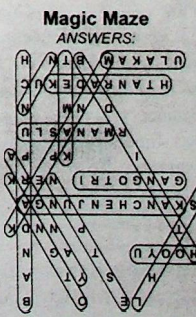
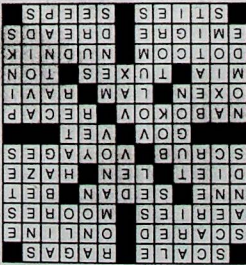
Clue: Q equals F

WQRGM RNG HWVGXZRXVXSJKR
QJZJKNGE EJSSJZS FH RNWR
IWVFWPVG QXKKJV, NG SWIG
JR RNG PMFKN-XQQ.

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



After the paleontologist finished digging up that valuable fossil, he gave answer

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Super Crossword

HAVING A
ROLE TO FILL

ACROSS

1 Is worthy of
9 Ice cream-
shop treats
15 Glaringly
sensational
20 Clear out of
21 Riga's land
22 "Nadia" title
role player
Lewensohn
23 Start of a
riddle
25 Fuzz-covered
26 Royal
Middleton
27 Inflated head
28 Glimpse
29 Urge (on)
31 It may
contain
coffee
32 — cone
(icy treat)
33 More of the
riddle
38 Chess
pieces, e.g.
39 Seating tier
40 Officer led by
Capt. Kirk
41 Equilibrium
45 Urge on
49 Novelist —
Stanley
Gardner
51 More of the
riddle
57 Pipe bend
58 Prefix with
byte

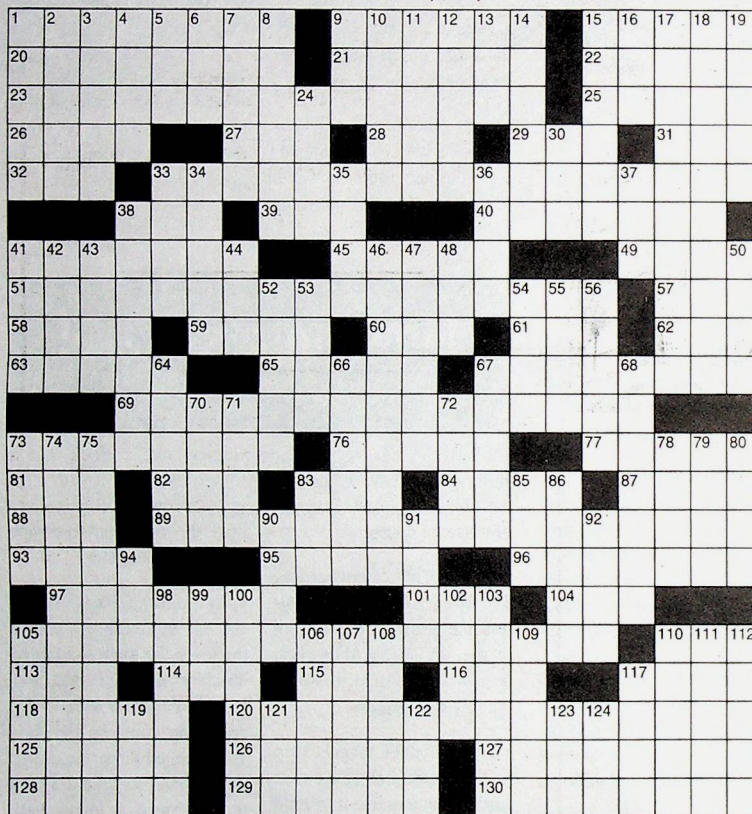
59 Mardi — (Big,
Easy bash)
60 Hi-tech
special FX
61 — rock
(music genre)
62 — Blu
Dipinto di
Blu (1958
hit song)
63 Q-tips, e.g.
65 Jockeys'
garb
67 Like Mass
officials
69 More of the
riddle
73 Really hungry
76 Really high
77 Twangy, as
a voice
81 Yes, to Sartre
82 U.S.
immigrants'
course
83 "Gross!"
84 Cookbook
q.tys.
87 Subdue with
a stun gun
88 And the rest:
Abbr.
89 More of the
riddle
93 Departs
95 "Ad — per
aspera"
96 Wash and
iron
97 Attempt to
convey

101 Stephen of
"Ondine"
104 Hypothetical
cases
105 End of the
riddle
110 Cloaked
113 Inferior mag
114 Tiki bar
necklace
115 Ending for
pay or plug
116 Response to
"Are you?"
117 Roseanne of
"Roseanne"
118 — Gold
(1997 Peter
Fonda film)
120 Alongside
answer
125 Pasta variety
126 — Alex (2005
Belmont
Stakes
winner)
127 Pupil-dilating
alkaloid
128 Comic
Johnson and
Angels owner
Moreno
129 Puts it forth
as fact
130 Tailor

5 Regret
6 Jumbo tub
7 Early
anesthetic
8 Pele of folk
music
9 St. Pete loc.
10 Ranch rope
11 River romper
12 With — to (in
hopes of)
13 It may
contain
coffee
14 Most wise
15 Running time
16 Ending with
form
17 Undertow
18 Alongside
each other
19 "Tell It to My
Heart" singer
Taylor
24 Chanel of
perfumery
30 Wildebeest
33 Fender flaw
34 Disguised,
for short
35 Small branch
36 German for
"everyone"
37 Be litigious
38 Ghastly
41 Tiny pieces
42 Some
83 D.C. VIP
Practice"
co-star —
Flynn Boyle

44 Blunder
46 Dirt-digging
journalist
47 Hog haven
48 — tu
(Verdi aria)
50 — May
(one of TV's
Clampetts)
52 Ship poles
53 "Dream on!"
54 Deform
55 Et — (and
others)
56 Unyielding
64 Muscle
power
66 Like plunging
necklines
67 Rival of
Coke
68 Lipton and
Zooz, e.g.
70 "Jiminy!"
71 Luau dance
72 Jabba
the —
73 Filmmaker
Nicolas
74 Salesperson
in a car lot
75 Deputy ruler
78 Anti-DUI gp.
79 Tennis great
Arthur
80 Look of lust
83 Mensa stats
85 D.C. VIP
86 Slowpoke
90 Jacques of
French film

91 Delhi dress
92 Beer on "The
Simpsons"
94 Test, as tea
98 Triple-time
dances, in
Paris
99 Ending for
Siam or
Milan
100 Big Japanese
dogs
102 Kuwaiti
ruler
103 Yoga poses
105 Big-band
drummer
Gene
106 In a high-
minded
manner
107 Singers'
clubs
108 19th U.S.
president
109 Overplay it
110 Custom
111 "Fame"
singer Cara
112 Hair salon
fixture
117 Conks
119 Ethyl ender
121 Out — job
122 Western
tribe
123 Song
syllable
124 "Splash"
co-star
Hanks



by Dana Jackson

Q: When is "Virgin River" coming back? Will there be another season? I've seen all of the episodes and hope it returns. — M.C.

A: Filming has already begun for season six of the Netflix series "Virgin River," but don't expect to see it on your screen for a while, possibly not until 2025. Showrunner Patrick Sean Smith confirmed at Netflix's Tudum event that Mel (Alexandra Breckenridge) and Jack (Martin Henderson) "will advance on their path to parenthood while also turning Lilly's farm into their ultimate dream home." Smith further hinted that in the new season, viewers will "be surprised by some returning favorites from the past" and also get introduced to a new character — Mel's biological father, played by actor John Allen Nelson ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend").

Q: Is there going to be another season of "Heartland"? I was so sad when Ty died in the ending chapter and wondered if Amy found love again. — T.A.

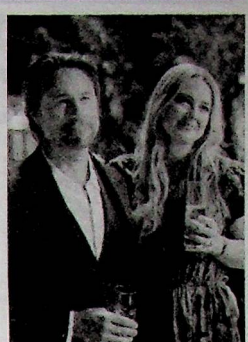
A: I'm assuming that you're watching "Heartland" via Netflix because only seasons 1-15 are currently available to watch on the streaming

service. Fortunately, the Canadian series is on season 17 on the CBC network, but here in the United States, you'll have to wait a bit. While no official statement has been released, there are reliable sources on the internet saying that season 16 will most likely be available on Netflix beginning in September, possibly earlier. This is because another streaming service, called UP Faith & Family, has first dibs on the show here in the U.S.. Once their customers have had enough time to watch season 16, Netflix viewers will then have their chance, likely starting this September, as mentioned above.

If you can't wait that long, visit UPFaithandFamily.com and learn how you can subscribe to the streaming platform, which calls itself "the leading streaming service for uplifting entertainment." They offer a monthly subscription plan for just \$5.99 month, but as always, be sure to read the fine print.

Q: What is the latest on Richard Simmons? He hasn't been seen in years, and now there's a rumor that he died. But fortunately, it was just a rumor, right? — E.C.

A: American fitness personality Richard Simmons, now age 75, has been reclusive for about a decade now. There were rumors that he was being held against his will, but in 2022, he issued a statement to the New York Post that he was happy and healthy. Recently,



Martin Henderson and Alexandra Breckenridge star in "Virgin River."

Photo: Courtesy of Netflix

however, he worried his fans again when he posted a message on X (formerly Twitter) that he was dying. He went on to explain, "The truth is we all are dying."

He went on to give some tips on eating better, getting enough sleep and exercising. Several hours later, he posted again to apologize for the confusion and clarify that he isn't dying anytime soon. He said he simply wanted to remind everyone to embrace every day that they have.

You can follow Simmons on his official page on X: [@TheWeightSaint](https://twitter.com/TheWeightSaint).

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Put forward	— B —	Pinnacle	— M —
2. Visitor	G — — —	Mission	Q — — —
3. Stuffed shirt	— — D —	Trim the shrubs	— — N —
4. New York player	— — — E	Tugged	— — — D
5. Simmer	— A — —	Black-and-blue mark	— U — —
6. Evening	N — — —	Box	F — — —
7. Machinery arm	— — — R	Steamroll	— — — L
8. Bank employee	— E — —	More statuesque	— A — —
9. Existing	— — V —	Similar	— — K —
10. Canonized one	— A — —	Stretch of activity	— T — —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8	4				3	
5			4		9	7
	6		2	1		
		2		4	6	
3	8					5
			1	7		3
		6		3	4	
	7		5			2
3				8		1

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

1. Braid	2. Braid	3. Braid	4. Braid	5. Braid	6. Braid	7. Braid	8. Braid	9. Braid	10. Braid
11. Braid	12. Braid	13. Braid	14. Braid	15. Braid	16. Braid	17. Braid	18. Braid	19. Braid	20. Braid
21. Braid	22. Braid	23. Braid	24. Braid	25. Braid	26. Braid	27. Braid	28. Braid	29. Braid	30. Braid
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111. Braid	112. Braid	113. Braid	114. Braid	115. Braid	116. Braid	117. Braid	118. Braid	119. Braid	120. Braid
121. Braid	122. Braid	123. Braid	124. Braid	125. Braid	126. Braid	127. Braid	128. Braid	129. Braid	130. Braid

Even Exchange answers

1. Submit, Summit	2. Guest, Quest	3. Pude, Prune	4. Yankee, Yanked	5. Braise, Bruise
6. Night, Fight	7. Lever, Level	8. Teller, Taller	9. Alive, Alike	10. Saint, Stint

FEAR & KN&T

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

EAW
WEVODA
♥ DELDA
♥ EBTA
BLUMET
♥ ADW
NVDE
WYLBA
♥ UTB
♥ DUNLEO
EUDEL
♥ WSAI

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

FEAR & KN&T

answer

9	1	7	1	8	2	5	4	5	3	6
2	6	3	9	1	5	8	5	8	4	7
4	8	5	7	3	7	6	3	9	1	2
3	2	1	6	1	7	5	8	2	2	6
5	4	3	8	7	9	6	5	4	3	8
6	7	9	4	5	1	6	8	6	3	1
7	7	9	4	5	1	6	8	6	3	1
8	6	3	9	1	2	5	4	5	3	6
9	1	7	1	8	2	5	4	5	3	6

Amber Waves

WOW, MOM IS SURE UPSET WITH ME FOR THE MESS I MADE.

I NEED TO THINK OF SOMETHING TO REALLY DISTRACT HER.

I COULD MAKE HER A GARD OR PICK HER SOME PRETTY FLOWERS.

NAH, WITH ANY LUCK DAD WILL DO SOMETHING AND I'LL BE OFF THE HOOK.

by Dave T. Phipps



Flea Onslaught Strikes Early in the Season

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I can't believe it -- it's only March, and my cat Flicker is already scratching himself silly with fleas! He has terrible skin reactions to flea bites. How can I get rid of them? -- Jesse B., Oak Ridge, Tennessee

DEAR JESSE: Flea infestations are awful, aren't they? As the seasons change and the weather warms up, flea activity rises, and pet owners start seeing more evidence of fleas on their pets and around their homes. Fleas aren't just annoying. They can carry diseases that are transmissible to pets and humans. Tapeworms and cat scratch disease are just two of the potential ills that a flea infestation can bring into your home. Tackle a flea problem head-on, and don't wait -- because it will

continue to get worse as the summer approaches. Because of Flicker's allergic reaction to flea bites, he needs direct treatment to repel fleas and prevent them from latching on to his fur again. Talk to his veterinarian about the most effective flea treatments. For example, a monthly or quarterly topical flea treatment may be a good option. Oral medication -- as pills or chewables -- is also very effective. The vet may also recommend medication to clear up his current skin issues. Reduce the risk of another flea infestation by making your home difficult for fleas to exist in.

- Have your home treated for fleas by a pest control service.
- Pick up clutter from the floor and replace any plush or felted toys with new ones.
- Vacuum twice a week to pick up fleas and their eggs.
- Repair or replace damaged window and door screens.
- Remove any debris piles near your home, and shift wood piles farther away.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Out on a Limb

BORIS, YOU WERE AHEAD THREE GAMES IN THE FINAL SET, YET LOST TO FELIPE MARTIN. WHAT HAPPENED?

I LOST MY FOCUS.

by Gary Kopervas

Americanisms

"Easter is a time for dressing up, looking your best, and hunting for candy. It's Halloween in reverse."

— Melanie White

Just Like Cats & Dogs

I GET AN OVERWHELMING FEELING THAT IN ABOUT 30 SECONDS I WON'T BE AS HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

by Dave T. Phipps

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Placid

SNEERE

Meld

LEMING

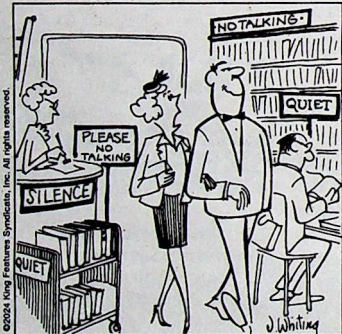
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TRAINE

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HERDIN

TODAY'S WORD



"You never used to take me here before we were..."

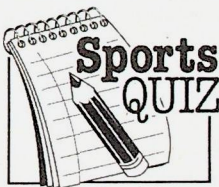
WORD LADDERS

Can you go from WASTE to PARTE in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

WASTE

PARTE

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Pitcher Masanori Murakami, the first Japanese player to play on Major League Baseball club, debuted in 1964 with what team?
2. The Cresta Run is a natural toboggan track located in what Swiss mountain resort town? (Hint: It hosted Winter Olympics in 1928 and 1948.)
3. George "Punch" Imlach won four Stanley Cups (1962-64, '67) as head coach of what NHL team?
4. In 2021, Formula 1 held its first race on the Jeddah Corniche Circuit located in what country?

5. Who was the first three-time winner of golf's Masters tournament?
6. Warren Beatty starred as Joe Pendleton, backup quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams, in what 1978 film?
7. In 2014, thieves stole nine World Series rings, two MVP plaques and other memorabilia worth over \$1 million from a Little Falls, New Jersey, museum dedicated to what Baseball Hall of Famer?

Answers

1. The San Francisco Giants.
2. St. Moritz.
3. The Toronto Maple Leafs.
4. Saudi Arabia.
5. Jimmy Demaret (1940, '47, '50).
6. "Heaven Can Wait."
7. Yogi Berra.

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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of April 1, 2024

- 1-April: "Baby Driver" (R) — Netflix

1-April: "Vanderpump Villa" (Season 1) — Hulu

3-April: "Files of the Unexplained" (Season 1) — Netflix

3-April: "American Horror Story: Delicate" (Part 2) — Hulu

3-April: "Loot" (Season 2) — AppleTV+

4-April: "100 Days to Indy"
- (Season 1) — Netflix

4-April: "Star Trek: Discovery" (Season 5) — Paramount+

4-April: "Ripley" (Limited Series) — Netflix

5-April: "Sugar" (Limited Series) — AppleTV+

5-April: "The Antisocial Network: Memes to Mayhem" (Documentary) — Netflix

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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Across
- 1 Spanish girlfriend
 - 6 Sudoku-solving skill
 - 7 Took the Tesla
 - 8 Chowhound
 - 9 "___ Hope" (one-time soap opera)

- Down
- 1 Birch family tree
 - 2 Coral reef eel

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

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- 3 "___ Woman" (Ray Charles single)
- 4 Particular
- 5 Some laptops

Micro Crossword Answer

S	N	A	N	R
E	A	T	E	R
D	R	O	V	E
L	O	G	I	C
A	M	I	G	A

WORD LADDER

Answer

PASTY, PARTY, PARTE

WASTE, TASTE, TASTY

SCRAMBLERS

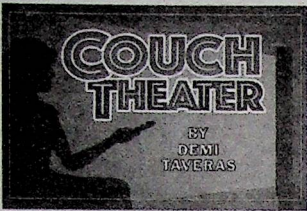
solution

MARRIED

Today's Word

3. Retain; 4. Hinder; 5. Serene

MORE SUN FUN



"Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom" (PG-13) — Is it the end of Jason Momoa's "Aquaman"? In December 2023, Momoa told "Entertainment Tonight" that if the audience loves the sequel, "there's a possibility" of a third film getting greenlit. But after negative reviews and the film only making \$434 million against a budget of \$215 million, it doesn't look too good. In the sequel, Momoa stars as Arthur Curry four years after the events of the first movie. Now a married family man, Arthur splits his life between the land and sea, while Black Manta still seeks revenge in the shadows. When he learns of Manta's plans, Arthur breaks Orm, his half-brother, out of prison to join him in the fight against Manta. Amber Heard, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II and Nicole Kidman reprise their roles from the first film. Out now. (Max)

"We Were the Lucky Ones" (TV-MA) — After starring in the 2022 film "Bullet Train" together, Joey King and Logan Lerman reunite to lead this new eight-episode series based on the historical novel written by Georgia Hunter. King and Lerman respectively portray Halina and Addy Kurc, two siblings in a Jewish family of seven who live in Poland at the start of World War II. The large family inevitably gets separated as the war carries on, taking them far away from home and spreading them across continents. Amid the tragic circumstances they're forced to endure, the Kurc family is determined to keep their resilience and reunite with each other once the war ends. The first three episodes premiere March 28. (Hulu)

"Palm Royale" (TV-MA) — In this

period-comedy miniseries based on "Mr. & Mrs. American Pie" by Juliet McDaniell, Kristen Wiig ("Wonder Woman 1984") takes on the role of Maxine Simmons. Maxine is a woman desperate to join high-society life in 1969 Palm Springs, California, after getting dumped by her husband and social circle. She sets her sights on the Palm Royale, an exclusive club whose elite members are dripping with glamour and vanity. But if she truly wants to get to the top of the Palm Royale, Maxine must sacrifice parts of herself to become the person she wishes to be. The series co-stars Ricky Martin ("The Assassination of Gianni Versace"), Laura Dern ("Big Little Lies") and the legendary Carol Burnett. The first three episodes are out now! (Apple TV+)



Joey King, left, and Logan Lerman star in "We Were the Lucky Ones."

"Road House" (R) — Almost 35 years after the 1989 film "Road House" starring Patrick Swayze and Sam Elliot released, a reimagining starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Conor McGregor has made its way to streaming. Gyllenhaal takes on the lead role as Dalton, a former UFC fighter who gets hired to work as a bouncer at a roadhouse in the Florida Keys. The joint attracts a great number of rowdy customers, but none are a match for Dalton's fists. However, when news of Dalton's immaculate butt-kicking hits the ears of Ben Brandt (Billy Magnussen), the heir of a criminal empire, Ben will stop at nothing to shut Dalton and the roadhouse down. For anyone who loves nonstop action, this one's for you! Out now. (Prime Video)

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Contract Bridge

CARDS ALWAYS TELL A STORY

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 10 8
♥ A 10 9 3
♦ A 7 4
♣ K 9 6 2

WEST
♦ Q 9 7 5 4 3 2
♥ 7 2
♦ J 10 9
♣ 4

EAST
♦ J
♥ 6 4
♦ K Q 8 5 3 2
♣ J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♦ A K 6
♥ K Q J 8 5
♦ 6
♣ A Q 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass 4♦ Pass
7♥ Pass 5♣ Pass

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Declarer cannot see the opponents' cards when play begins, but he can frequently force them to reveal how their cards are divided, enabling him to achieve the optimum result.

Here is a typical example. West leads a diamond against seven hearts, and South's only real concern is that one opponent might have four (or five)

clubs. All his thoughts should therefore be focused on protecting against this possibility.

In order to collect all the information he can, South wins the diamond with the ace, ruffs a diamond, cashes the K-Q of hearts and A-K of spades, ruffs a spade and then ruffs a diamond.

As a result of these machinations, declarer now knows everything he needs to know to make the contract. Since West started with seven spades (East showed out on the second spade lead), two hearts and has followed to three rounds of diamonds, he cannot have more than one club.

So South leads a club to the king, and when West follows suit, he becomes marked with a 7-2-3-1 distribution. When South then returns a club from dummy and East follows low, South finesesses the eight with 100% assurance that it will win the trick.

Observe that it would not help East to play the ten on the club lead from dummy. Declarer would win with the queen, cross to dummy with a trump and then lead another club, trapping East's J-7 with the A-8. East is helpless from the outset as long as South does his homework and forces the defenders to reveal their distribution.

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CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

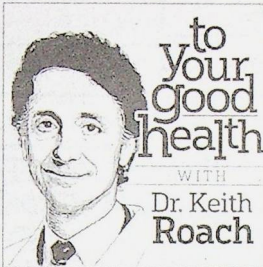
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X I B U L J O E P G F H H M J L F T

U P Q M B Z Q S B O L T ?

B Q S B D U J D B M Z P M L F S.

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Lone Star Tick Bites Cause Alpha-Gal Syndrome

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was recently diagnosed with alpha-gal syndrome (AGS). I live in the country, but I do not remember having a tick on me. My husband and I are very cautious and always check for them. I am struggling to understand what exactly are my symptoms, and what I can and cannot eat. I don't know if I am someone who can have dairy or not.

The biggest challenge seems to be eating out. If I order chicken, fish or vegetables and they are cooked on the same grill as meat, then they are not safe to eat due to cross contamination. Also, dairy, lard and whey are in many food items.

Is there a specialist I should consult? My doctor seems to know about some of this, but is unable to answer many of my questions. Any information you can share would be helpful.-- S.N.

ANSWER: AGS is an allergy to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose, a carbohydrate allergen found in all mammalian meats, such as beef, pork and lamb. The allergy can be serious as people develop symptoms, including various syndromes like skin itching and rashes; gastrointestinal symptoms; and even anaphylaxis, a severe allergy syndrome of cardiovascular collapse.

These reactions are delayed compared to other typical allergic responses, with people often developing symptoms the night after consuming meat -- about two to six hours after consumption. A blood test for alpha-gal allergies can confirm the diagnosis.

These symptoms usually begin after getting bitten multiple times by a Lone Star tick. The tick has alpha-gal in its saliva, which triggers the sensitivity. Many medical professionals are unaware of this newly described

condition (40% reported never having heard of the syndrome), which can prevent a diagnosis from being made in a timely fashion.

Because the condition is new, there are some factors that we don't really understand about it, like why some people tolerate muscle meat from an animal but react strongly to organ meat. There just aren't answers to some of the questions that you might be asking. For example, milk, whey and gelatin sensitivity have been described with AGS, but not lard (at least that I could find).

Sometimes a person tolerates cooked meat but is intolerant of raw (or barely cooked) meat. Some people lose the allergy over time (usually a few years), but additional tick bites may bring it back.

The ideal specialist in this case is an allergist. You should certainly have and know how to use an epinephrine injector in case of a severe reaction.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A dietitian recommended that I drink six glasses of water every day. I tend to drink most of the water in the morning and early afternoon. My husband thinks I should drink it "equally" throughout the day. His logic is that I don't retain enough water to stay properly hydrated throughout the evening and night. Does timing really matter? -- C.R.

ANSWER: Your body has a system in place to hold onto water so that you don't need to drink it during the night. Unless you are losing unusually high amounts of water (as you would in a very dry and hot environment, for example), there is no reason to hydrate at night. Most people realize that doing so will cause you to visit the bathroom rather than sleep.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGood-Health@med.cornell.edu.

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Answer

A practical yokler
to play pranks?
What kind of egg likes

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Staying Safe

I never thought this kind of thing would happen where I live: A woman was kidnapped in front of a store, in broad daylight, by a man carrying a gun.

It's hard to even type those words, so shocked am I to learn of it.

To cut to the chase, the woman is thankfully fine, although no doubt rattled and upset. After being forced to drive the kidnapper to another location, she was able to drive away safely after he fled the vehicle.

Still, it might not have turned out that way.

I can't count the thousands of times I've gone to that same store, or strolled down the main street to the ice cream shop, or come out of a restaurant ... at night ... and never been afraid. After all, the relative safety in this area is why I moved here. But there are no guarantees that things will stay the same, are there?

That woman's experience has been a life changer for me, unfortunately.

I now carry my wallet and cellphone in an inside coat pocket. If a thief wants my purse, he can have it, with no hesitation that might cause him to do bodily harm to me.

I'm now paying more attention to what's around me — people in parking lots, people milling around — instead of just going on my merry way oblivious to my surroundings.

If I'm headed to the car, my keys are in my hand. Once in the car, I lock the doors, something I've never felt compelled to do.

I trust my instincts if something makes me uneasy. After a recent trip to a store, I waited a minute and walked out with a couple of college students after asking if I could walk across the parking lot with them. They were pleased to escort me all the way to my car.

Stay safe out there and beware of what's going on around you.

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1. Which female artist released "Everybody's Somebody's Fool"?
2. Name the first No. 1 single by England Dan & John Ford Coley.
3. Which two actors are mentioned in "Key Largo" by Bertie Higgins?
4. Which song is Chris de Burgh most known for?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Does she love me, with all her heart, should I worry, when we're apart?"

Answers

1. Connie Francis, in 1960. The ballad topped international charts in Canada, New Zealand and Norway, as well as in the U.S. Francis released a German language version called "Die Liebe ist ein seltsames Spiel," but it was speeded up as a polka.
2. "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight," in 1976. Unfortunately the duo didn't stay together long, with Dan Seals going out on his own.
3. "Bogie and Bacall." Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall starred in the film "Key Largo" in 1948.
4. "Lady in Red," in 1986. Popular around the globe, it won an ASCAP Pop Music Award in 1988 for the Most Performed Song.
5. "A Lover's Question," by Clyde McPhatter in 1958. McPhatter's version, co-written by Brook Benton, spent a week at the top of the R&B chart.

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AAA: Drivers' Fear Of Self-Driving Cars Remains Strong

A new survey from AAA on autonomous vehicles (AVs) shows most U.S. drivers express fear (66 percent) or uncertainty (25 percent) regarding fully self-driving vehicles – continuing a lack-of-trust trend that peaked last year.

However, interest in semi-autonomous technologies such as Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) and Lane Keeping Assistance remains high. The results suggest that to gain consumers' trust, the industry must continue to advance vehicle technologies reasonably and improve their performance.

"Consumer skepticism of autonomous vehicles is not surprising, given the recalls and well-publicized incidents that occurred last year," said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson for AAA Northeast. "It's critical that drivers understand both the capabilities and limitations of technology in their cars and how, when, and where to use the systems properly."

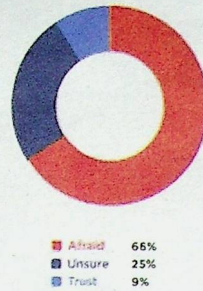
While many drivers are afraid of autonomous vehicles, they do want advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS). AAA's survey found that almost two-thirds of U.S. drivers want Re-

verse Automatic Emergency Braking (65 percent), Automatic Emergency Braking (63 percent), or Lane Keeping Assistance (62 percent) on their next vehicle.

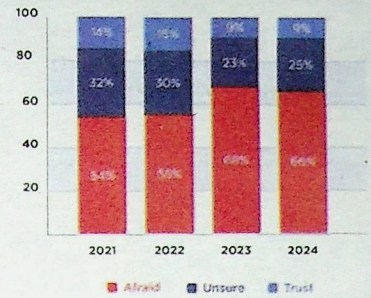
However, many drivers overestimate the capabilities of these systems. Most U.S. drivers believe AEB will stop the vehicle when another car, child, adult pedestrian, or bicyclist are in front of or behind the vehicle. However, recent AAA research found that Reverse AEB systems prevented a collision in only 1 of 40 test runs in backing-up scenarios involving a vehicle crossing behind the test vehicle, and

Driver Attitudes Toward Self-Driving Vehicles

2024 Survey Responses



Driver Attitudes Over Time



in only 10 out of 20 test runs with a dummy representing a stationary child behind the test vehicle. These results show that the systems are not a replacement for an engaged and alert driver.

Drivers also have misconceptions about the prevalence of AVs. Although

fully self-driving vehicles are not yet available for purchase by consumers, four in ten drivers believe they could buy an AV today that will drive itself while they are sleeping.

"With advancements across so many types of vehicle technology, it's easy to

see how driver misconceptions arise," Schieldrop said. "Uniformity in system naming and performance across the industry can go a long way toward educating drivers."

The survey was conducted January 11-16, 2024 and includes responses from 1,010 U.S. adults.

Quincy Recreation Recognized At MRPA Annual State Conference

Quincy Recreation was recently recognized for its efforts in operating the Quincy Outdoor Skating Rink this winter at the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association annual conference. Quincy Recreation - a Division of the Department of Natural Resources - was named as the winner of the South Shore Regional Community Impact Award for its work in successfully managing the skating rink on top of its regularly scheduled winter programming and holiday parade.

"Director of Recreation Michelle Hanly and the whole Quincy Recreation Department were thrown a curveball this winter when they were tasked with operating an outdoor 120' x 60' ice-skating rink complete with a zamboni," the MRPA said. "This is most definitely a good problem to have, and it was handled with grace. Rules, regulations, procedures, and information were all made available to the public in a short time. All of this took place on top of their normally scheduled programming, events, community pool, and holiday parade. Strategic methods were taken to use the City's already-employed as well as seasonal staff to properly manage the rink, and Quincy Recreation made the operation look effortless."

Accepting the award on behalf of her team, Hanly thanked Mayor Thomas Koch and Commissioner of Natural Resources Dave Murphy for their work in bringing the skating rink to life.

"Thank you to the Mayor's Office for allowing us the opportunity to provide free fun for thousands of families from Quincy and around the state, as well as to bring attention to Quincy's beautiful, revitalized downtown area through the outdoor skating rink," Hanly said. "The success of the rink would not have

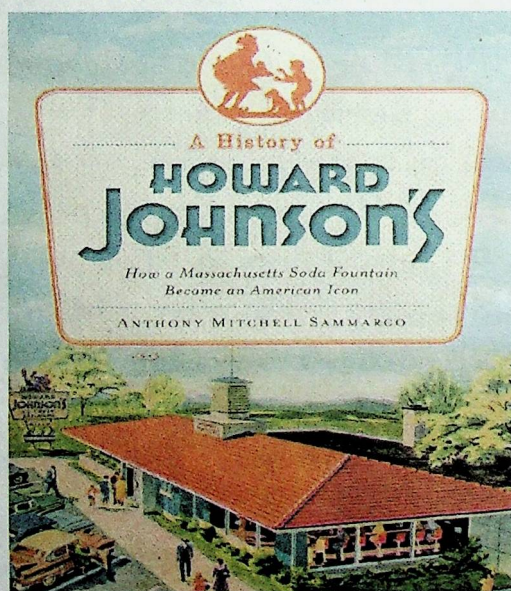
been possible without extensive collaboration between many of the city's departments. The dedicated staff of the Department of Natural Resources and its Park and Recreation Divisions allowed the rink to run smoothly each day, and the Public Buildings Department created a wonderful atmosphere around the rink. The staff worked countless hours behind the scenes to give this city and its residents the skating experience they deserved, and none of this would have been possible without their incredible dedication."

In order to receive the award, Quincy Recreation had to be nominated by someone in the Massachu-

setts Recreation and Park Association South Shore region, and then selected by the MRPA from the list of nominees. Consisting of over 400 members representing hundreds of Massachusetts Cities and Towns, the MRPA "is dedicated to the promotion, advancement, development, and improvement of all recreation and park services within Massachusetts as well as on a national level. We are comprised of professionals representing community, therapeutic, student, private, non-profit, commercial, armed services, commissions, and boards and lay persons in the field of parks and recreation services."

Patrick White Foundation Memorial Scholarships

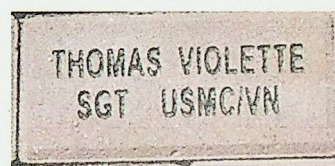
The Patrick White Foundation will be offering scholarships in memory of Patrick White to the high school class of 2024. If you are interested please send an e-mail requesting information to:ptwfoundation7@gmail.com.



BRAINTREE WOMEN'S CLUB will meet Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree, in the Logan Auditorium. The meeting is open to membership and all those interested in finding out more about the Braintree Women's Club. The program will feature well-known historian and author on the history and development of Boston, Anthony Sammarco. He will tell us the story of the "History of Howard Johnson's: How a Massachusetts Soda Fountain Became a Roadside Icon." For more information contact us at braintreewomen22@gmail.com.



FLAGS FOR VETS ISLAND SQUADRON 294 Bricks for Veterans Program



Honor, Memorial Bricks Available For Purchase

The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 294, Morriste American Legion Post in Quincy has resumed selling engraved honor and memorial bricks for its "Bricks for Veterans" at Flags for Veterans Island, Fort Square, Quincy.

Bricks are available for \$50 each. The bricks can be inscribed with a veteran's name, rank and branch of service. Two sample bricks appear above.

This form can be clipped, filled out and mailed to order a brick.

BRICKS FOR VETERANS

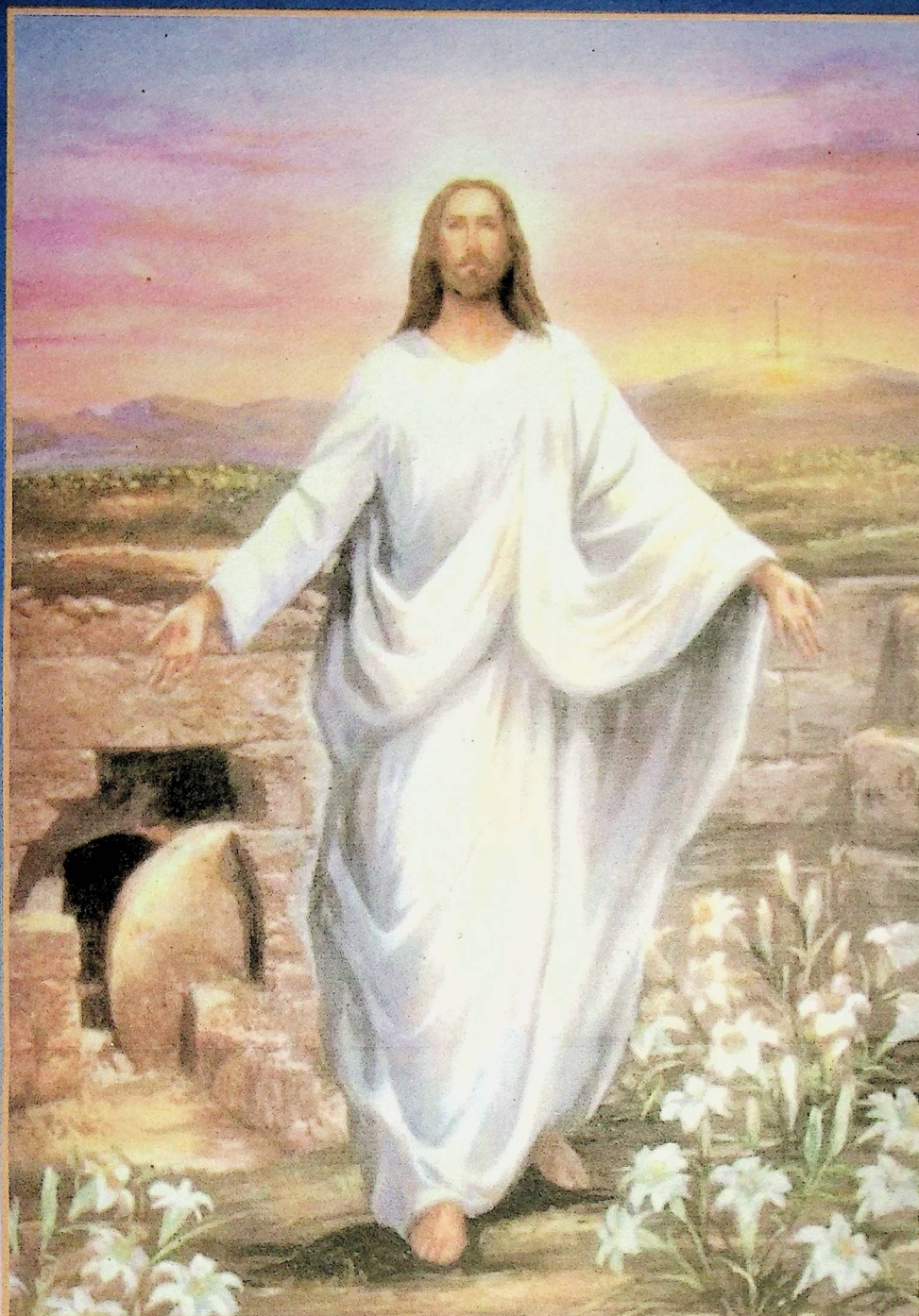
Line 1: Veteran Name/Rank: _____

Line 2: Branch of Service: _____

Bricks cost \$50 each

Send this form and check to:
S.A.L. Squadron 294
81-83 Liberty Street
Quincy, MA 02169

For more information or to order, call 617-407-1841



To our Christian brothers and sisters,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I would go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1-6

Wishing you a Blessed Easter

Mayor and Mrs. Thomas P. Koch